

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**AUGUST 13, 2018
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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, 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.
Rita Y. Horton, M.D.
Kim S. Sport, JD
James A. Taylor, Jr., M.D.
Terrie R. Thomas, 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 Stolier, Attorney, General Counsel
Cathy Storm, RN Compliance Officer
Lillie Rodgers, Administrative Program Director (Investigations)
Aloma James, Director of Licensure
Kieshan Falls Williams, Administrative Program Specialist
Jacintha Duthu, Administrative Program Specialist

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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:

Jeff Williams, Executive Vice-President & CEO, Louisiana State Medical Society
Derrell Cohoon, Capitol Partners for Teledoc
Karen Dunetam, LAMMICO
Ragan LeBlanc, LAFP
James E. Hussey, M.D., LDH, OBH

- 1. General Administrative Matters; Oath of Office; Drs. Rita Y. Horton, Terrie R. Thomas and James A. Taylor, Jr., along with Kim S. Sport, JD.** The Board welcomed Drs. Rita Y. Horton, Terrie R. Thomas and James A. Taylor, Jr., recently appointed by Governor, John Bel Edwards to the Board expanding the membership on the Board to ten members, including the first lay Board member, Kim S. Sport, JD. They were administered the Oath of Office by Philip Bergeron, Esq., which will be sent to the Governor's office for Senate confirmation.
- 2. Minutes of July 16, 17, 2018 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting held July 16, 17, 2018. On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting with all necessary corrections.
- 3. Minutes of July 23, 2018 Special Call Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its special call meeting held July 23, 2018. On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting with all necessary corrections.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Administration of TB Skin Test by Clinical Laboratory Personnel.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Cheryl Caskey, Compliance Officer, Pathology Resource Network, seeking confirmation of advice given in 2011 that clinical laboratory scientists and phlebotomists could not administer TB skin test. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter pending input from the Clinical Laboratory Advisory Committee.

6. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Sarah C. Hamauei, M.D., Cannabis Derivative. The Board reviewed the draft correspondence prepared in response to the communication of Sara C. Hamauei, M.D., providing her opinion that if a cannabis derivative has less than the psychoactive cutoff for THC, it has no known properties that would qualify it as a controlled substance and should be legally available for purchase, presumably for the treatment of various medical conditions and asking the Board its view. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to provide Dr. Hamauei with a copy of the Board's advisory opinion issued on the topic of CBD/Hemp Oil that is available on the website.

7. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physician Compounding. In follow-up to the request received from Stephanie Sabillon seeking clarification in regards to physician compounding of sterile products without the presence of a pharmacist, the Board reviewed draft correspondence prepared in response to her request. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Ms. Sport, the Board approved the correspondence as prepared stating that compounding medications as she described may be performed by a physician in this state provided he/she is fully trained in compounding, does so with the use of appropriate techniques, practices and equipment and in compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The Board also advised Ms. Sabillon that the Board is developing a rule-making effort governing compounding that will likely require registration, inspections and rules similar to those of the Board of Pharmacy.

8. 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 been in contact with Rebekah E. Gee, M.D., MPH, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health regarding data sharing to address the opioid epidemic and Suzanne Foster, M.D., Lafayette Medical Association, contacted her to speak at their upcoming meeting.

9. 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 attended the CLP Advisory Committee and reported that CE Brokers, Inc., would give a CME presentation at the next meeting of the Board on how CME can be better tracked. He further reported that he met with Robert I. Hart, Chief Medical Officer, Ochsner Health System, to discuss issues with medical marijuana and requested VISA information for applicants. He concluded his report stating that the minutes of the Medical Expert Panel were forthcoming and reported on personnel matters.

10. General Administrative Matters; New Business; Personal Appearance, James E. Hussey, M.D., Medical Director, Office of Behavioral Health. 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, personal appearance of James E. Hussey, M.D., Medical Director, Office of Behavioral Health. Dr. Hussey appeared before the Board to discuss a proposal to collaborate with the Board to conduct a brief survey of DATA-Waivered practitioners licensed by the Board with prescriptive authority from the DEA, Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration ("SAMHSA") to prescribe Buprenorphine in Louisiana. The goal of the survey is to better understand and address the opioid epidemic and reduce dependence on opioids, as well as decrease opioid-related overdose and deaths rates in Louisiana. On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the collaboration to conduct the survey.

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11. General Administrative Matters; Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee; Performance of Dry Needling; Response. The Board reviewed the response provided by the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee to the Board's inquiry regarding what provision in the law or the rules supports their ability to perform dry needling. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to defer action on this matter pending input from a sports medicine physician specialist.

12. General Administrative Matters; Prescription Monitoring Program ("PMP") Advisory Council. The Board received the report of the quarterly meeting of the PMP Advisory Council held July 11, 2018. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

13. General Administrative Matters; Parking Facility. The Board reviewed the information provided by staff on the new parking garage opening at 618 Magazine Street. It was the recommendation of staff that the Board move from Premium Parking in the 800 block of Camp due to security issues. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the move to the parking facility at 618 Magazine Street at the rate of \$9,360.00 per month along with keeping the parking facility in the 700 block of Camp.

14. General Administrative Matters; Removal of Disciplinary History of Deceased Licensees. The Board reviewed the request of the family of a deceased physician to remove the disciplinary history of deceased licensees from the website one year and one day from the date of death. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Ms. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor and passed by majority voice vote, the Board approved the removal of disciplinary history from the website three years and one day from the date of death. Disciplinary history of deceased licensees would be available in writing because the licensee's status would indicate past disciplinary action.¹

15. General Administrative Matters; CME Course for CDS Requirement; Residents. The Board reviewed questions posed by Laura J. Bell, Director of Continuing Medical Education, LSU Health New Orleans, LSU School of Medicine regarding the CME Course for CDS requirement. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board informed Ms. Bell that residents are required to obtain the 3 hours of certified CDS/opioid training before the 2019 renewal of their permits and that LSU can develop a certified CME course for both residents and faculty for approval by the Board. It was also the consensus of the Board to inform Tulane, Ochsner and other training institutions of this information as well as post it on the Board's website.

16. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports. The Board reviewed the Income Statement, for the first five months ending June 30, 2018. No further action was required or taken on this matter. The Board also reviewed the comparison of initial and renewal fees for all fifty states as requested.

17. Rules and Regulations.

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

¹ Drs. Clark, Howell and Valentine were opposed to this motion.

- b. **Rules/Amendments; Noticed for Intent to Adopt:** 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 Board's agenda for 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 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. **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 are 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*. A public hearing for both boards to receive comments on the proposed rules is scheduled for September 28, 2018.

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18. Public Comments. The President asked if anyone from the public had questions and/or comments. Jeff Williams, Executive Vice-President & CEO, Louisiana State Medical Society, stated that there was a need for a meeting of all professional organizations to discuss issues of concern. Hearing no further comments, the public session of the meeting ended.

[19.] Minutes of July 16, 17, 2018 Executive Sessions. On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson 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 July 16, 17, 2018. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its meeting of July 16, 17, 2018 with any necessary corrections.

[20.] Minutes of Special Call Meeting July 23, 2018 Executive Sessions. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, 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 special call meeting of July 23, 2018. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its special call meeting of July 23, 2018 with any necessary corrections.

[21.] 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.

[22.] Report on Pending Litigation. On the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of legal counsel on pending litigation to which the Board was a party, and the status of proceedings for judicial review of prior Board decisions, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(2) and to add an additional item to the report. Following the report, the Board resumed in public session. On the motion of Ms. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the filing of a Motion to Quash the subpoena issued regarding pertinent pending litigation.

[23.] Investigative Reports. 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 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. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board made the following decisions:

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

Docket No., 18-I-560
Docket No., 18-I-065

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

Kapil Harilal Thakkar, M.D., Docket No., 15-I-911
John Anthony Califano, M.D., Docket No., 18-I-177
Laura Crump Fairbanks, M.D., Docket No., 18-I-457

[24.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Kapil Harilal Thakkar, 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 Kapil Harilal Thakkar, 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. Thakkar appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order.

[25.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; John Anthony Califano, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Thomas, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of John Anthony Califano, 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. Califano appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order.

[26.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; John Joseph Palopoli, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of John Joseph Palopoli, 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. Palopoli 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 Ms. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor and passed by majority voice vote, the Board approved reinstatement of the license of Dr. Palopoli to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.²

[27.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Kevin Govan Work, 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 Kevin Govan Work, 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. Work appeared before the Board in connection with his request for early reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Ms. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by majority voice vote, the Board denied the request of Dr. Work for early reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.³

[28.] Investigative Reports. On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Howell, 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

² Dr. Winstead was opposed to the motion.

³ Drs. Amusa, Thomas and Valentine was opposed to the motion.

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discussion the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board made the following decisions:

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

Investigation No., 18-I-254
Investigation No., 18-I-548
Investigation No., 18-I-434
Investigation No., 18-I-276
Investigation No., 18-I-148

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

Investigation No., 18-158
Investigation No., 18-310
Investigation No., 17-444
Investigation No., 18-445
Investigation No., 18-584
Investigation No., 18-167
Investigation No., 18-I-238
Investigation No., 18-402
Investigation No., 18-429
Investigation No., 18-615

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

Docket No., 17-991
Docket No., 18-I-551

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

Docket No., 18-I-474
Docket No., 16-I-995
Docket No., 17-I-806

e. Closed Complaints Cases: The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report for the month of July 2018.

[29.] Professional Liability Report. 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 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.

[30.] 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. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

- a. Newell, Monica Denise, RT – To approve the request of Monica Denise Newell, RT, for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.
- b. McCarty, Hannah Wood, CLP – To approve the request of Hannah Wood McCarty, CLP, for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted, off probation.

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

Phlebotomists

Grow, Rhonda Heck

Myers, Shartarshea

Laboratory Assistants

Breaux, Shanna⁴
Guillory, Keondra

Knight, Jonte'

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

Lirette, Hali Lynn
Stanford, Celenia Andrepont

Watson, Jerrica E.
Zeringue, Linzee S.

[33.] 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

⁴ Dr. Taylor and Ms. Sport were opposed to this motion.

resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Clark, 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:

Anaba, Uzoma Obinnaya
Arbonies, Christo Xavier
Bloch, Michael Hugh
Hammons, Gregory Todd
Kumar, Dharmendra⁵
Lipscher, Randolph Bruce
Lucietto-Sieradzjum, Therese

McCormack, Steven Todd
Modi, Bipte Vijay
Popovich, Teppe
Reeves, Emilie Anne
Roberson, Charles Anderson
Wright, Wendy Latrice

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

Parris, Ronald Neal

Mataragas, Nicholas

[34.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; Foreign/International Medical Graduates. 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 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. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Fountain, Helen V.
Nagaraja, Harsha Ghatge

Nguyen, Michael
Sammons, Elena V.

[35.] Licensure and Certification; Medical Psychologist. On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Ms. Sport 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 requirement had been met:

Hillman, Stephany Lee

[36.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates; Training Permits. On the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Thomas 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.

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

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Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead approved the following for issuance of a training permit provided all requirements had been met:

Boullard, Nicholas
Couvaras, Anastasia
Hodo, Thomas W.

Krider, Samuel Ogden
Plowman, Dustin James
Sangani, Deep Bhupat

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

Bashir, Mohammad
Brian, John

Danielson, Hailey A.
Wojcik, Kyle K.

[38.] Licensure and Certification; Telemedicine Permits. 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 non-routine applications for issuance of a telemedicine 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. On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote the Board approved the following for issuance of a Telemedicine Permit provided all requirements had been met:

Hernandez, Michael J.

Jain, Paul A.

39. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensure Procedure Change. The Board reviewed a request from staff for a change in the requirement of presentation of original citizenship documents due to a concern with such important documents being lost in the mail. It was the recommendation of staff that the Board accepts a notarized copy of citizenship documents. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the acceptance of notarized documents for proof of citizenship.

[40.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapist. 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, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on the application pending input of the Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee.

[41.] General Administrative Matters; New Business; Personnel Matters. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to take up an item of new business; personnel matters pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session

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and on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to offer the position of Director of Investigation to Lawrence Cresswell, M.D., and enter into a professional service contract with Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., PhD, CHSE.

42. Next Meeting of the Board. The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for September 17, 18, 2018, and on the motion of Ms. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Clark approved the 2019 meeting schedule.

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 August 13, 2018 and approved by the Board on the 17th day of September, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 17th day of September 2018.

Joseph Kerry Howell, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.
President