

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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OF  
MEETING**

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**APRIL 20, 21, 2009  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to call of the President and lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 8:30 a.m., Monday, April 20, 2009, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members were present as follows:

Linda Gage-White, M.D., Ph.D., President  
Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., Vice-President  
Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary-Treasurer  
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.  
Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.  
Robert Earl Dawson, M.D.  
Cynthia Gail Montgomery, M.D.

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

Robert L. Marier, M.D., Executive Director  
Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Director of Investigations  
Emily Diane Eisenhauer, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigations  
Thania Elliott, RN, Investigator  
Grace Hammons, Program Compliance Officer Manager  
Merian Glasper, Director of Licensure  
Rita L. Arceneaux, Confidential Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Judge Frederick S. Ellis  
Philip O. Bergeron

**First Session**  
**Monday, April 20, 2009**

**1. Minutes of March 16, 2009.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of March 16, 2009. Motion was made by Dr. Robert Dawson, seconded by Dr. Amusa, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meetings together with the executive sessions conducted during such 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 that had been completed. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[ 3.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session to receive the investigative reports as matters relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ' 42:6.1 A(1) and (4). Following the review, the Board resumed in open session. Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

a. Administrative Complaints. The following administrative complaints were approved for filing and scheduling of a formal hearing:

Docket No. 07-I-184  
Docket No. 07-I-036  
Docket No. 08-I-327  
Docket No. 08-I-545  
Docket No. 07-I-062

b. Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License. The following Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License was accepted:

Mehmood M. Patel, M.D., Docket No. 04-I-023

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

Velva Boles, M.D., Docket No., 06-I-553  
Theresa Jones Ross, M.D., Docket No., 08-I-821

d. Interim Board Orders: The following interim Board Orders were presented for information only:

Docket No., 09-I-056  
Docket No., 08-I-846  
Docket No., 09-I-112  
Docket No., 09-I-024

e. Closed. The following matter was closed:

Docket No., 08-I-838

f. Closed Complaint Cases. The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[ 4.] Professional Liability Report.** On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session to consider the report of Dr. Eisenhauer, on professional liability cases reviewed since the last meeting of the Board as matters relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ' 42:6.1 A(1) and (4). No further action was required or taken on these matters.

**[ 5.] General Disciplinary Matters.** On the motion of Dr. Robert Dawson, the Board convened in executive session to consider requests relating to the execution or modification of a Decision and/or Consent Order as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct of licensees, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. ' 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made and passed by unanimous voice vote, took the following actions:

a. Probation Report - The Board noted the activity report for the probation department submitted for this month.

b. Site Visits – The Board noted the report on site visits for physician assistants, supervising physicians, and those with collaborative practice agreements. The Board asked Mr. Bonck to provide follow-up information report on the number, names and types of citations for supervising physicians who had been cited for non-compliance.

c. DeGueurce, James Claudius, M.D. - To note the referral of the matter regarding James Claudius DeGueurce, M.D. to the Attorney General's Office for their disposition.

d. Cotter, Mark Mitchell, M.D. – To deny the request presented by Dr. Mark Dawson that Mark Mitchell Cotter, M.D. be allowed to enter residency training in order to return to the practice of medicine.

e. Kippels, Kenneth Michael, M.D. – To approve reinstatement of the license of Kenneth Michael Kippels, M.D., in accordance with the terms of the Consent Order dated March 16, 2009.

f. Williams, Kenneth, M.D. – To defer action on the request for reinstatement of the license of Kenneth Williams, M.D., pending a personal appearance before the Board.

**6. General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Peter Boyd Stevens, Chairman, Physician Assistants Advisory Committee.** Peter Boyd Stevens, Chairman, PAC, Chairman, Physician Assistants Advisory Committee appeared before the Board to discuss correspondence mailed to every member of the Board regarding consultation with the Advisory Committee on advisory opinion requests. The Board advised Mr. Stevens that the Board had on numerous occasions consulted the Committee and would continue to do so. Mr. Stevens reported that the

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Committee had met, with three members in attendance, and discussed the opinion request regarding do not resuscitate orders and agreed with the Board's opinion and would forward the Committee's input in a formal letter to the Board. Mr. Stevens was informed that the Committee needed to comply with the Open Meeting's Law and that counsel would discuss the handling of this matter.

**7. Communication and Information; Diana McDermott, M.D., Dispensation of Medications.**

The Board reviewed communication sent from Dr. Marier to Diana McDermott, M.D., New Orleans Musicians' Clinic and Pharmacy, informing her that dispensation registration was not required to dispense a bona fide sample as defined in the Board's rules on dispensation. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**8. Communication and Information; American Association of Medical Assistants.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Catherine Flores, CMA (AAMA), MLT (ASCP, AAMA), Certifying Chair, of the American Association of Medical Assistants informing the Board of the changes made to credentialing of certified medical assistants. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**9. Communication and Information; American College of Chest Physicians.** The Board reviewed a communication received from James A.L. Mathers, Jr., M.D., FCCP, President, American College of Chest Physicians, stating that the American College of Chest Physicians released their first evidence-based educational guidelines that evaluate the effectiveness of current continuing medical education practices and provide recommendations on how those practices need to change in the future. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**10. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Radiation Therapy Self-Referral.** The Board reviewed the request for an advisory opinion received from M. Maitland Deland, M.D., F.A.C.R., F.A.C.R.O. regarding self-referral for radiation therapy services. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to refer Dr. Deland to the Board's rules on Illegal Payments, Disclosures of Financial Interest, and ask her for more specific information for investigation into such practices by the Director of Investigations and/or the Office of the Inspector General.

**11. General Administrative Matters; Budget.**

Physicians Health Foundation of Louisiana Budget - The Board received the report of Dr. Marier on the Physicians Health Foundation of Louisiana's budget for 2009 and the audited Financial Report for 2008. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**12. General Administrative Matters; President's Report.** The Board noted the activities of the President since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Gage-White reported she would be serving as the Parliamentarian at the House of Delegates Meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards, Inc., annual meeting and Dr. Mark Dawson would serve as the Board's voting delegate.

**13. General Administrative Matters; Executive Director's Report.** The Board received the report of the Executive Director on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Marier

reported on the comments referred to the Federation of State Medical Boards Special Committee on Maintenance of Licensure and their Executive Summary and the Essentials of a Modern Medical Practice Act, Twelfth Edition. Dr. Marier also reported on the renovation project and informed the Board that the selection process for the architect ended April 15, 2009 and selection would take place on April 29, 2009. He would forward to the members of the Board the top six architects out of 30 he had chosen for the project for their review. Following the discussion, upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board authorized Dr. Marier to move forward with negotiations relative to the selection of the architect and execution of contracts/agreements and/or take whatever action he deemed appropriate in accordance with rules and regulations of the Office of Contractual Review and the Division of Administration for the purpose of implementing the renovation plan. Dr. Marier further informed the Board of correspondence mailed to Perry Rigby, M.D., Head of the Graduate Medical Commission at LSU Health Science Center regarding the USMLE examination and completion of residency training. Finally, he presented a plaque to Alfred Gaudet, RPh., for his years of service to the Board and ordered this resolution be made part of the minutes:

AWARDED BY  
THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
WHEREAS, ALFRED GAUDET RPh HAS FAITHFULLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY  
SERVED THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AS AN  
INVESTIGATOR SINCE MARCH 29, 1999 TO THE GREAT BENEFIT OF THE BOARD  
AND THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND  
WHEREAS IN THIS CAPACITY HE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN NUMEROUS  
INVESTIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIONS AND  
WHEREAS HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE DISPENSING  
PROGRAM IN THE STATE AND  
WHEREAS HE ASSISTED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESCRIPTION  
MONITORING PROGRAM IN THE STATE SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE  
PRESCRIPTION MONITORING ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF  
PHARMACY AND  
WHEREAS HE WAS AN EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD IN  
COORDINATING OTHER MATTERS WITH THE BOARD OF PHARMACY AND WITH  
PHARMACISTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE,  
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 PLAQUE EXPRESS TO ALFRED GAUDET ITS  
GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE BOARD AND THE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA AND  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THIS PLAQUE IS STRUCK AND GIVEN TO  
ALFRED GAUDET EXPRESSING TO HIM THE HIGHEST ESTEEM OF THE BOARD  
THIS DATE.  
April 1, 2009

**14. General Administrative Matters; Legislation.** The Board reviewed a copy of the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act and the Medical Psychologists Practice Act introduced in the 2009 session of the legislature. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[15]. Litigation Report.** On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, 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. § 42:6.1 A(2). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[ 16.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar.** Continuing in executive session, the Board reviewed the calendar of personal appearances and docketed hearings, as matters relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of licensees, La.Rev. Stat. ' 42:6.1 A(1), (4). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[ 17.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Theresa Jones Ross, M.D.** Continuing in executive session, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:6.1A(1) and (4), Theresa Jones Ross, M.D., appeared before the Board, accompanied by her attorney, Monica A. Frois, in connection with the acceptance of her Consent Order.

**[ 18.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Rena Renae Roy, CRT.** Continuing in executive session, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ' 42:6.1 A(1) and (4), Rena Renae Roy, CRT, accompanied by her attorney, appeared before the Board in connection with the compliance of her Consent Order and reinstatement of her license off probation. Following her appearance, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made and duly seconded approved reinstatement of the license of Rena Renae Roy, CRT by majority voice vote, to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.<sup>1</sup>

**[ 19.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Joseph Anthony Walters, M.D.** Continuing in executive session, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:6.1A(1) and (4), Joseph Anthony Walters, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with the request for issuance of a full, unrestricted license. Following his appearance, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved issuance of a full, unrestricted license to Joseph Anthony Walter, M.D.

**[ 20.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Pernell Joseph Simon, M.D.** Continuing in executive session, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:6.1A(1) and (4), Pernell Joseph Simon, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with the compliance of the terms of his probation and request for re-issuance of a full, unrestricted license. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of the license of Pernell Joseph Simon, M.D. to a full, unrestricted status.

**[ 21.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Velva Boles, M.D.** Continuing in executive session, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:6.1A(1) and (4), Velva Boles, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of her modified Consent Order.

## **22. Rules and Regulations.**

- a. Final Rules/Amendments: None since the last meeting of the Board.
- b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent - **Physicians and Surgeons – Consultation with Medical Psychologists** – Pursuant to Act 11 of the 2004 session of the Louisiana

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<sup>1</sup> Drs. LeBlanc and Montgomery opposed reinstatement at this time.

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Legislature, medical psychologists were authorized to prescribe certain medications to their patients with prior consultation and concurrence of the patient's primary or attending physician. The Board directed staff to develop rules that would address various physician concerns bearing on the issue since implementation of the law. A draft was presented for review and discussion at its June 2008 meeting and suggested modifications were incorporated. Following review and discussion at its July 2008 meeting, the Board approved the draft; however, prior to advancing the rules, the Board elected to preview the draft with the State Board of Psychology Examiners of Louisiana, which licenses medical psychologists. A communication was sent to the State Board of Psychology Examiners of Louisiana and its response was reviewed by the Board at its October 2008 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board approved modifications and decided to provide *Notice of Intent* in the *Louisiana Register*. They appeared in the December 20, 2008 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The Board noted receipt of a request for a public hearing from Jaime T. Monic, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and Gail R. Lowe, Executive Director, Louisiana Psychological Association. The public hearing was held on January 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. A copy of the transcript along with the written comments was available for the Board's review at the February meeting of the Board following which, the Board directed that certain modifications be made and the proposed rules be returned to the agenda for consideration. After further discussion during its March 2009 meeting, the Board directed that proposed substantive amendments and a public hearing be noticed in the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated that the proposed notice will appear in the April edition of the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons – Telemedicine** – Due to the lack of sufficient number of psychiatrists and facilities available to provide mental health services to the citizens of this state, combined with advancement in technology in recent years, the Board considered the issuance of permits that would allow board certified psychiatrists to conduct examinations by telemedicine (in lieu of in person) for the purpose of treating mental health and addiction disorders in facilities approved by the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) for this purpose. A draft of the proposed rules was considered by the Board at its April 2008 meeting, and a revised draft was considered at its July 2008. Following review and discussion, the Board voted to approve the draft with suggested modifications. By virtue of the necessary modifications, a revised draft was provided for discussion during its October 2008 meeting. In the interim, legislation was adopted by the Louisiana legislature relative to telemedicine (Acts, 850 (2008)) that required additional consideration. Thus, a revised, annotated draft was presented for discussion at its December 2008 meeting. Further revisions were suggested and incorporated into a revised draft and reviewed by the Board at its March 2009 meeting. Following review and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to include certain modifications and upon revision to publish a *Notice of Intent* in the next issue of the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated that such notice will appear in the April 2009 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons – Waiver of Qualifications:** Pursuant to its current rules, the Board may waive certain qualifications for licensure with respect to a physician who is appointed by an approved medical school or college in this state to a tenured track position as full professor or associate professor or to a clinic full professor or clinical associate professor on a full-time clinical track (46XLV.315, 327). Following review and discussion during its February 2009 meeting, the Board elected to provide *Notice of Intent* to expand its rules to include an applicant who has been offered a rank of assistant professor or above and to make clear that the practice of any

individual issued on such basis is limited to the medical school or college for which such person has been approved by the Board, and to hospitals and clinics affiliated with the medical school or college. The *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments appeared in the March 2009 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board elected to adopt the rules by and upon promulgation in the *Louisiana Register*.

c. Rules/Amendments Under Development - Athletic Trainers - The rule-making effort commenced by *Notice of Intent* in the January 20, 2008 edition of the *Louisiana Register* expired by operation of law. A revised draft of the proposed rules was reviewed by the Board and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved publication of a *Notice of Intent* to amend the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Respiratory Therapy. The Advisory Committee for Respiratory Therapy reviewed the current rules to ascertain what modifications may be needed in light of the legislative changes to the Louisiana Respiratory Therapy Act in 2007 and provided its recommendations for review by Dr. Ferdinand and counsel. As soon as a final draft has been prepared, it will be presented to the Board for review and discussion. Perfusionist. The Perfusion Advisory Committee prepared an initial draft of rules for this newly regulated category of allied health care professionals. A revised draft was received and is being studied. As soon as it has been refined, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. Physicians and Surgeons - Mid-Level Providers: The Board appointed a Committee to work on the development of rules for supervision, collaboration and consultation with mid-level providers. As soon as such draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. Clinical Laboratory Personnel - Following a review of its balance sheet, financial information and budgetary needs at its meeting of March 2007, the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Advisory Committee voted at its June 30, 2007 meeting to recommend that the Board accept the recommendation for a license/annual renewal fee increase of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all CLP licensees. At that time the Committee also voted to recommend that the Board undertake the following additional rule-making efforts: (i) to adopt staff=s recommendations to include a number of causes that may give rise to the denial, suspension, or revocation of licensure; (ii) to delete Chapter 111 of its rules so that the Board may continue to handle disciplinary proceedings relative to CLP applicants/licensees as it does for all other allied health care providers; and (iii) to eliminate certification examinations CLS-G/CLS-T offered by two organizations which, in the view of the Committee, do not provide the minimum acceptable education, clinical, employment or experience requirements requisite to licensure. The Board requested clarification on item (iii) for military personnel, but otherwise approved the draft amendments incorporating the Committee's recommendations. At its March 2008 meeting, the Committee approved the recommendation concerning U.S. military trained CLS-G or CLS-T applicants. The Committee also considered other modifications to the draft. A final draft of the rules that included the military exception and other modifications was considered by the Board at its December 15, 2008 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board decided to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Physicians and Surgeons - Supervision of Unlicensed Providers - The Board directed staff/counsel to work on the development of rules for supervision of unlicensed providers of cosmetic and other medical services. As soon as a draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. Physicians and Surgeons - Demonstration of Clinical Competency - The Board directed

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staff/counsel to work on the development of rules for demonstration of physician clinical competency for licensure reinstatement/renewal. A draft was presented to the Board for initial review and discussion at its October 2008 meeting. A second draft was presented for consideration by the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to defer modification of the rules until the end of the legislative session. **Polysomnography** - The Board received a proposed draft of new rules for polysomnographers from its Advisory Committee on Polysomnography. As soon as a final draft has been prepared, it will be presented to the Board for review and discussion. **Physician Assistants** – A draft of proposed amendments concerning scope of practice issues relating to physician assistants was referred to the PA Advisory Committee for input. A draft was presented to the Board for consideration at its July 2008 meeting. Suggested modifications, along with additional revisions from the Committee and staff were incorporated into a draft and considered by the Board at its August 2008 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board approved the draft and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Prior to publication, the Board granted the request of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee and the Louisiana Association of Physician Assistants to discuss the proposed rules at its December 15, 2008 meeting. Following discussion among these parties and the Board at that time, the Board decided to withhold publication of the *Notice of Intent* and study the proposed draft further. **Midwifery**: The Board directed staff to prepare an amendment to its rules to address certification of midwifery training by a national accredited entity. Prior to proceeding with the rule-making effort, it was the consensus of the Board to seek input from the Advisory Committee confirming their support of the changes regarding certification by a national accredited entity.

**[23.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel.** On motion of Dr. Bourgeois, 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. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Technician

Boltuc, Kortney Victoria

Generalist

Brown, James D.

Laboratory Assistant

Ellis, Kimberly N.

**[ 24.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy.** On motion of Dr. Robert Dawson, 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

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La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote deferred action pending receipt of additional information:

Mims, Tiffany N.  
Udeh, Caleb C.

Worak, Robert A.

**[ 25.] Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistants.** On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried by majority voice vote, made the following decisions:

- a. Prescriptive Authority. To approve the applicants for prescriptive authority in accordance with promulgated of the rules effective January 20, 2005 provided all requirements had been met:
  - 1) Bergeron, Katherine Ponder, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Stephen Papizan, Firdous Laique, Michael Crapanzano, Shaun Kemmerly, Erika Rabalais, Anuj Narang, Michael Brumund, and Erin Hauck, Pediatric Hospitalists of LA, LLC, 7777 Hennessy Boulevard, Suite 103, Baton Rouge.
  - 2) Brizzard, Shayne Michael, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Eric Oberlander, 10101 Park Row Avenue, Suite 200, Baton Rouge.
  - 3) Corbello, Elizabeth Anne, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Stephen Goldware, 501 W. St. Mary, Suite 320, Lafayette.
  - 4) Deggans, Natalie Jenkins, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Rufus Hixon, Michael Brumund, Anuj Narang, Shaun Kemmerly, Firdous Laique, Erika Rabalais, Erin Hauck and Stephen Papizan, Pediatric Hospitalists of LA, LLC, 7777 Hennessy Boulevard, Suite 103, Baton Rouge.
  - 5) Dooley, Rosanna, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. John Cole, Jyotsna Fuloria, Zoe Larned, Joseph Phillips, Suma Satti, 1015 Webster Street, New Orleans.
  - 6) Evitt, Bernadette Michelle, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Thomas Vincent Bertuccini, 700 Bonaire Drive, Lafayette.
  - 7) Ferrington, Lindsay Stafford, PA, - Supervising physician: Dr. Robert Moore, LSU Health Sciences Center, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.
  - 8) Hulin, Clayt Walter, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Leslie Greco, Eric Romig, Thomas Falterman, Stephen Darbonne, Jean Friday, and Chinh Pham, 17000 Medical Center Drive, Baton Rouge.
  - 9) Lago, Theresa Kittelson, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Andrew King,

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Stephen Heinrich, Joseph Gonzales, William Accousti, Vinitha Shenava, Southern Aesthetics, 3815 Hessmer Avenue, Metairie.

10) Mondello, Kelly Celeste, PA- Supervising physician: Dr. Paul Jackson, Jr., 59295 River West Drive, Suite C, Plaquemine.

11) Nida, Kenneth Edward, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Dominick Scimeca, Jr., Total Occupational Medicine, 3333 Drusilla Lane, Baton Rouge.

12) Raetzsch, Michelle Fisher, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. William Freeman and Thomas Trahan, 109 Shult Drive, Suite 101, Columbus, Texas.

13) Sonnier, Frederick Raymond, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. David Silar, Phillip Noel and Laura Rogers, 2615 North Drive, Abbeville.

14) Spillers, Lisa Armstrong, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Michael Crapanzano, Shaun Kemmerly, Erika Rabalais, Anuj Narang, Rufus Hixon III, and Erin Hauck, Pediatric Hospitalists of LA, LLC, 7777 Hennessy Boulevard, Suite 103, Baton Rouge.

15) Stockton, Lacey Christine, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Stephen Papizan, Firdous Laique, Michael Crapanzano, Shaun Kemmerly, Erika Rabalais, Anuj Narang, Michael Brumund, and Erin Hauck, Pediatric Hospitalists of LA, LLC, 7777 Hennessy Boulevard, Suite 103, Baton Rouge.

16) Verdun, Shawna Nikia, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. John Jones, 2139 Springtide Drive, Baton Rouge.

17) Washburn, Deborah Jean, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Robert Moore, LSU Health Sciences Center, Department of Urology, 1500 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

18) Williams, Amanda Leigh, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Michael Crapanzano and Rufus Hixon III, Pediatric Hospitalists of LA, LLC, 7777 Hennessy Boulevard, Suite 103, Baton Rouge.

19) Wilson, Terry Roger, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Stephen Horne, Neurosurgery of NW LA, Gerald W. Malloy, M.D., 312 Grammont Street, Suite 402, Monroe.

20) Wittenmyer, Elizabeth Renee, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Clarence Whitehead III, 118 N. Hospital Drive, Abbeville.

**[ 26.] Licensure and Certification; Polysomnography.** On motion of Dr. Robert Dawson, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for licensure as a matter pertaining to the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant,

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pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

- a. Approved- To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements:

Technician

Schendorf, Robert J.

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

Bolden, Adrian Derek

**[ 27.] Licensure and Certification; Collaborative Drug Therapy Management.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, the Board convened in executive session to consider the routine application for certification as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the following for certification provided all requirements had been met:

Evans, Henry M, M.D.

**[ 28.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; Foreign Medical Graduates.** On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, 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. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

- a. Smith, Rita Ghosh.M.D. – To defer action on the application of Rita Ghosh Smith, M.D., pending receipt of additional information.
- b. Non-Routine applicants - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Braylan, Raul Cipriano  
Chanis, Raul Antonio  
Clark, Gordon Hampton  
Guevara, Eugenio M.

Guo, Wei  
Homisha, Samer Ibranhim  
Kazmi, Syed Samiullah

**[ 29.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.** On motion of Dr. Bourgeois, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed

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in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

- a. Mathieu, Francis, M.D. – To inform Francis Mathieu, M.D. of the Board's *Intent to Deny* his application for licensure based on his personality disorder displayed in the application process.
- b. Non-Routine - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Foret, Ryan T.  
Gorrell, Alan L.  
Guedon, Duncan F., Sr.  
Hoff, Clarissa Jo.

Rahbar, Reza  
Vargo, Jeffrey P.  
Wold, Christian J.

**[ 30.] Licensure and Certification; Intern/Examination Registration.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for intern/examination registration as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

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

Chheda, Hitesh Dhiraj  
Hall, Michael Anthony  
Imsais, Richard K.  
Leaf, Jedidiah Clinton  
Luster, William Bailey  
McRight, Scott Rayner

Melancon, Jeffrey Michael  
Nguyen, Viet Hoia  
Primeaux, Holly Womack  
Richard, Charles Keith, Jr.  
Woods, John Allen, Jr.  
Wright, Benjamin Michael

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

Gelvin, Angelle Marie

Sais, Jamie Michelle

**[ 31.] Licensure and Certification; Graduate Educational Temporary Permits.** On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session to consider the application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following for reinstatement/relicensure provided all requirements had been met:

Amin, Shweta  
Kassem, Jean Brian

Shah, Shivang Harfshadbbai  
Wadyal, Subhrajn Singh

Palombo, Benjamin John

**[ 32.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report.** On motion of Dr. Robert Dawson, the Board convened in executive session to review the report of Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Investigating Officer, on the applicants for licensure with fingerprint discrepancies as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

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

Physician and Surgeon

Ebeid, Makram Raouf

Gordon, James Hardy

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Carey, Yolanda Marie  
Jones, Monice  
Kelly, Peggy Marie  
Lee, Latricia Ann  
Taylor, Kimberly Ann

Tincknell, Melinda June  
Vicknair, Kara Lynn  
Vining, Tonda Denise  
White, Travis

**33. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensees for Suspension.** The Board reviewed the list of licensees, who had failed to renew their licenses by March 31, 2009. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**34. New Business; Term Limit of Officers.** The Board considered the motion made by Dr. Bourgeois to have the officers of the Board elected for a one year term and to rotate the officers so that everyone held an office before their term of service expired. The motion failed to carry, therefore, the term of each office will remain as previously set.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 to reconvene at the Board at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

***Second Session  
Tuesday, April 21, 2009***

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners was reconvened at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at the offices of the Board with everyone in attendance except for Drs. Amusa and LeBlanc.

**[35.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Stephanie Ann Buboltz, RRT.** On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, the Board convened in executive session for the purpose of a formal

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hearing in the matter of Stephanie Ann Buboltz, RRT, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:6.1A(1) 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.*

**36. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for June 15, 16, 2009.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

**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 21, 2009 as approved by the Board on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009.

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Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

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Linda Gage-White, M.D., Ph.D.  
President