

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**MARCH 19, 2007
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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, March 19, 2007 by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members were present as follows:

Kweli J. Amusa, M.D., President
Linda Gage-White, M.D., Ph.D., Vice-President
Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.
Keith C. Ferdinand, M.D.
Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.
Tonya Hawkins Sheppard, 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 Dianne Eisenhauer, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigations
Grace Hammons, Program Compliance Officer Manager
Christine Holder, Program Compliance Officer III
Merian Glasper, Director of Licensure
Rita L. Arceneaux, Confidential Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board were present as follows:

Judge Frederick S. Ellis

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Philip O. Bergeron

1. **Minutes of February 2007.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of February 12, 2007. Motion was made by Dr. Gage-White, seconded, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meetings together with the executive sessions conducted during such meeting with all necessary corrections.
2. **Confirmation of Interim Board Actions.** The Board reviewed the interim Board action in the matter of John Gibson Fasick II DPM in which the Board voted to summarily suspend his license. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board affirmed the interim Board action.
3. **Status Report on Action Items of Prior Board Meetings; Report on Assignments to Counsel.** The Board noted that all action items as assigned to staff and counsel from previous meetings had been completed.
4. **Rules and Regulations.**
 - a. Final Rules/Amendments: None since the last meeting of the Board.
 - b. Rules/Amendments: Noticed for Intent: *Physicians and Surgeons; Collaborative Drug Therapy:* Act 627/SB679 (2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature) amended the pharmacy law to provide that the Board and Pharmacy Board shall publish *Notice of Intent* to adopt rules dealing with collaborative drug therapy management within 120 days from the effective day of the amendment, *i.e.*, August 15, 2006 or by December 15, 2006 at the latest. (See SB 679 for further details) A draft was prepared and circulated to the Executive Director of the Pharmacy Board for discussion. A draft rule was then considered by the Board at its meeting of September 18, 2006. A special call meeting was held on October 13, 2006 to review further revisions to the proposed rules. Following discussion, the Board voted to publish *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the November 2006 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. During the twenty-day period prescribed for a public hearing (ending December 11, 2006) no requests were received. Three written comments were received, all dated December 21, 2006, the last day of the written comment period. Due to discrepancies between rules noticed by the Board/Pharmacy Board, discussions were held between both Boards and modifications were suggested that would render them very near duplicates of the other. These suggestions were considered and approved by the Board during its meeting of February 12, 2007, following which the Board determined to provide notice in the *Louisiana Register* of substantive changes to the rules previously proposed, hold a hearing to receive comments with respect to the proposed changes, and thereafter proceed in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. *Physicians and Surgeons - Temporary Permits (Visiting Physician, Professor, Short-Term Residency/Preceptorship Permits):* In view of difficulties experienced by applicants for certain short-term permits, staff proposed certain amendments to eliminate administrative burdens, delays and costs currently associated with the processing of restricted provisional temporary permits issued by the Board to visiting physicians who provide a service to the citizens of this state, to visiting professors who provide instruction or education to Louisiana physicians or graduate medical students, and to those physicians who rotate through a short-term

residency program or serve a preceptorship in a medical school or accredited institution in this state for purposes of graduate medical education. Proposed amendments were presented to the Board for consideration at its meeting of December 11, 2006 to address several items. First, the amendments would allow these applicants and the Board to forego submission, collection and processing of criminal history record information. That process typically takes ninety days and is impractical with respect to the restricted provisional nature of these temporary permits given that applicants are in the state but for a brief period of time. Often visiting physicians are in Louisiana as little as one day to attend to a single patient, but in no event more than ninety days. In addition, all of these permittees will be vouched for and performing under the inviting Louisiana physician (visiting physician), or medical school or institution (visiting professor, short-term residency/preceptorship). Second, the proposed rule amendment will eliminate the need for a personal appearance (short-term residency and preceptorship permits), and facilitate the Board's use of electronic technology for processing forms, applications and conducting its own verification of licensure status and for other purposes specified in the proposed amendments. Finally, inasmuch as visiting physicians and professors provide a valuable service to the citizens of this state by attending to Louisiana patients and educating physicians, the proposed rule amendments also allows the Board to waive the \$100 fee for the approximate 20-30 anticipated number of annual applicants for these categories of restricted temporary permits. Louisiana citizens who receive healthcare services from physicians issued restricted provisional temporary permits under the proposed rule amendments, and Louisiana physicians, graduate medical students, who receive instruction and training (and in turn their current and future patients who are citizens of this state) will receive an unquantifiable benefit by virtue of the expertise of visiting physicians and/or professors.

c. Rules Under Development - Respiratory Therapy. The Advisory Committee for Respiratory Therapy prepared a number of amendments to Chapter 25 (46XLV.2501-2569) of the respiratory therapy rules (Licensure). Dr. Ferdinand, the Board's liaison to the Committee and counsel reviewed the proposed rule amendments and worked with the Committee to develop a more comprehensive draft for the Board's consideration. In December 2005 a further draft, containing additional modifications not previously addressed, along with proposed amendments to the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act administered by the Board were offered by the Committee. Further review and discussion, the Board determined to defer the rulemaking effort pending outcome of legislative consideration of the proposed amendments to the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act. In the interim, Dr. Ferdinand, counsel and staff met with representatives of the Advisory Committee to discuss the proposed changes to the Respiratory Practice Act. A copy of the Committee's suggestions for revision were considered by the Board at its meeting of February 12, 2007. As soon as a draft of the proposed statutory amendment is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for discussion and consideration. Midwifery: The Midwifery Advisory Committee suggested a number of amendments to the Board's midwifery rules on licensing, 46XLV.2301-2373 and practice, 46X.V.5301-5363. Members of the Committee met with the Board during its January 2005 meeting to discuss their suggestions. The Board reviewed the proposed amendments at its meeting of February 15, 2005 and appointed a Subcommittee to study the issue and report their recommendations to the full Board. The Board's Subcommittee studied the Advisory Committee's suggestions and provided draft recommendations for their review and discussion. A reply to the Subcommittee's recommendations, dated June 26, 2006, was

received, and the Subcommittee met during the July 2006 meeting and accepted some of the recommendations and rejected others. A revised draft was sent to the Advisory Committee on August 8, 2006 with the request that any final modifications be received in time to place a final draft on the September 2006 agenda for the Board's consideration. The Midwifery Advisory Committee and several individual midwives expressed concern over several areas of the proposed revisions and requested a meeting. A meeting was held between the Subcommittee and the Advisory Committee in November 2006 to discuss their concerns. A revised draft was forwarded to the Midwifery Advisory Committee in January 2007 and a reply was received accepting the changes in February 2007, but providing further recommendations on one section of the rules. A further draft to address this issue was sent to the Committee in March. It is anticipated that the Committee's task will soon be concluded and a recommendation presented to the Board in the near future. Perfusion The Advisory Committee for Perfusionists submitted an initial draft of rules for the Board's consideration. Following review and discussion, the Board appointed Dr. Ferdinand and Board counsel to work with the Advisory Committee in the formulation of administrative rules relating to the licensure and practice of perfusion in this state. Dr. Ferdinand and counsel met with the Advisory Committee Chair to assist in developing a more comprehensive, focused draft of rules for the Board's consideration. As soon as the draft is received, reviewed and Dr. Ferdinand has had an opportunity to confer with the Advisory Committee and a draft of the proposed rules is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. Physicians and Surgeons; Registered Dispensing Physicians; Licensure and Practice: The Board requested that its existing rules governing registered dispensing physicians be modified relative to controlled substances. Several draft modifications were considered by the Board during its August 2006 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board approved the modifications to the dispensing rules and authorized publication of a *Notice of Intent* in the *Louisiana Register*. Physicians and Surgeons- Mid-Level Providers: The Board has appointed a committee to work on the development of rules relative to supervision, collaboration and consultation with mid-level providers. As soon as a draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for discussion and consideration. Physician Assistants: Based on inquiries by Joseph Bonck, Jr., the Board's Investigator and staff relative to application procedures and the differences in the substantive roles of supervising physicians, locum tenens physicians, and supervising groups of physicians, as well as certain scope of practice issues, an analysis of the current physician assistant rules is being undertaken. A separate rule effort addressing scope of practice for physician assistants is also planned. Physicians and Surgeons- Rural Physician Self-Referral: During its 2006 regular session, the Louisiana legislature adopted Act 819, which prohibits Louisiana licensed physicians from making any referral for services to a healthcare facility in which the referring physician or an immediate family member owns a direct or indirect ownership interest. The Act requires the Board to adopt rules and regulations providing that violation of the law provides cause for action against the physician's license. The draft rule is being prepared for Board consideration.

5. Ruling and Advisory Opinions; Scope of Practice; Respiratory Care. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Michelle Wyatt, Respiratory Therapy Team Leader, Jackson Parish Hospital, Jonesboro, requesting an advisory opinion on whether it is within the scope of respiratory therapy for respiratory therapists to start arterial and intravenous lines on respiratory and non-respiratory patients. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus

of the Board to inform Ms. Wyatt that the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act and the rules of the Board allow respiratory therapists to care for patients with deficiencies and abnormalities of the cardiopulmonary system and did not allow for respiratory therapists to treat non-respiratory patients.

6. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Orders by Non-Licensed Louisiana Physicians; Follow-up. The Board reviewed a follow-up letter received from James L. Nelson, M.D., FACS, Chief Medical Officer, North Oaks Health Systems, Hammond, regarding orders for diagnostic testing by non-Louisiana physicians on patients who temporarily reside in Louisiana. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to further advise Dr. Nelson that his follow-up correspondence presented a slightly different situation than his original correspondence. However, the Board advice remained as previously stated, and in a situation where a person would be visiting the state, traveling through or temporarily residing in this state for a brief period of no more than two weeks, and has an established physician-patient relationship with a non-Louisiana physician and the need for diagnostic testing surfaced, the Board would not prevent the ordering and performance of non-invasive, routine diagnostic testing.

7. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Perfusion; Scope of Practice. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Rebekah Trittipoe, CCP, LCP, Director of Quality Management and Professional Education, Trident Health Resources, Inc., asking whether it is within the scope of practice for a perfusionist to remove an intra-aortic balloon pump catheter. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to refer the matter to the Perfusion Advisory Committee and confirm the actual removal of an intra-aortic balloon pump catheter was outside the scope of practice of a perfusionist.

8. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Scope of Practice; Acupuncture. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Carissa Hamilton, D.C., seeking an advisory opinion on the interpretation of the laws associated with acupuncture and ear stapling. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on the matter pending receipt of an opinion from the Integrative and Complementary Medicine Advisory Committee.

9. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Dispensing Registration. The Board discussed the dispensation registration rules with respect to medical care offered by free clinics. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

10. Communication and Information; Louisiana Health Care Review, Inc., MD Technologies, Inc.; Memorandum of Understanding. The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding entered into with the Louisiana Health Care Review, Inc., and MD Technologies, Inc., for the web-based registry FindLAdocs.com. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

11. Communication and Information; American College Surgeons. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Thomas R. Russell, M.D., FACS, Executive Director, American College of Surgeons, regarding the revised definition of surgery as part of an updated statement on laser surgery. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

12. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.

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Financial Statement - The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending December 31, 2006, and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of December 31, 2006. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending December 31, 2006, and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of December 31, 2006.

13. General Administrative Matters; President's Report. The Board received the report of the President on her activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Amusa discussed scheduling the Board meetings every other month. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, it was the decision of the Board to eliminate the February meeting, resulting in no meetings in February, April or May, depending on the Federation's annual meeting and November.

14. 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 discussed the issues of FCVS requirements for relicensure applicants, interns and residents. Following discussion, the Board reaffirmed their intention to have all such applicants complete the FCVS process in order to have a mechanism in place for documentation of credentials in case of another natural disaster. Dr. Marier further reported on the results of his research regarding the use of Board certification, maintenance of competency, Board orders on the website, facility planning, website re-design and development of the Board Orientation Program online. He concluded his report stating that follow-up reports regarding these matters would be presented.

15. General Administrative Matters; Newsletter. The Board reviewed a draft of the next issue of the *Newsletter*. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[16.] Investigative Report. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, the Board convened in executive session to consider the investigative report as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(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:

Consent Order: The following Consent Order was accepted:

George John Smith, M.D., Docket No., 07-I-165

[17.] Investigative Reports; Personal Appearance; George John Smith, M.D. Continuing in executive session, George John Smith, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. Dr. Smith acknowledged he understood the terms of the Consent Order. He further acknowledged his understanding that the order is a public record.

[18.] Physicians Health Committee. Continuing in executive session, the Board considered the reports of Dr. Amusa on the meeting of the Physicians Health Committee held at 12:00 p.m., Monday, March 19, 2007, and as fully reported in the minutes thereof. Following the review,

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the Board resumed in open session. Upon motions made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board took the following action:

DeBlanc, Theodore Wensel Huntington, M.D. - To approve the Consent Order in the matter of Theodore Wensel Huntington DeBlanc, M.D., reinstating his license on probation.

[19.] Investigative Report. Continuing in executive session, the Board considered the investigative report as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(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:

Consent Order: The following Consent Order was accepted:

Agmasie B. Woldie, M.D., Docket No., 06-I-496¹

20.] Investigative Reports; Personal Appearance; Agmasie B. Woldie, M.D. Continuing in executive session, Agmasie B. Woldie, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. Dr. Woldie acknowledged he understood the terms of the Consent Order. He further acknowledged his understanding that the order is a public record.

[21.] Professional Liability Report. Continuing in executive session, the Board considered the report of Dr. Eisenhower 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 licensees, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(4). No further action was required or taken on these matters.

[22.] Investigative Reports. Continuing in executive session, the Board considered 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(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. Consent Orders: The following Consent Orders were accepted:

Anthony Orla Amiewalan, M.D., Docket No., 06-I-506²
Benji Joseph Juneau, PA, Docket No., 06-I-040

b. Discontinued. The following matters were discontinued:

Docket No., 06-I-657

¹ Dr. Gage-White was opposed to acceptance of the Consent Order.

² Dr. Gage-White was opposed to acceptance of this Consent Order.

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Docket No., 05-I-478
Docket No., 06-I-528³
Docket No., 07-I-125⁴
Docket No., 06-I-544

c. Administrative Complaint. The following administrative complaint was approved for filing and for scheduling of a formal hearing:

Docket No., 05-I-274

[23.] 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(4).

[24.] Report on Pending Litigation. Continuing in executive session, the Board received 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 in this matter.

[25.] General Disciplinary Matters. Continuing in executive session, the Board considered 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. §42:6.1. 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 there were no activity reports for the probation department submitted for this month.
- b. Site Visits - The Board reviewed the report of site visits performed by Joseph Bonck, Investigator.
- c. Dispensing Physicians' Site Visits - The Board noted the report of the dispensing physicians' site visits submitted for this month.
- d. Katta, Chandra M., M.D. - To approve modification of the order in the matter of Chandra M. Katta, M.D. to allow him to prescribe medications for his psychiatric practice.
- e. Wolfson, Neil, M.D. - The Board noted receipt of correspondence from Neil Wolfson, M.D., regarding diversion of narcotics by physicians. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to reply to Dr. Wolfson informing him that the Board is aware of the problem of diversion by physicians and does in fact take necessary action

³ Dr. Bourgeois was opposed to discontinuing this matter with a Letter of Concern.

⁴ Mr. Collins was issued a Cease and Desist Order.

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when appropriate, and to ask him to inform the Board of the particulars regarding any incident he has knowledge that may be occurring.

f. Freeman, Joseph Arthur, M.D. - To approve reinstatement of the license of Joseph Arthur Freeman, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

26. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Board Orientation. The Board reviewed the evaluations submitted by attendees at the Board Orientation Program held in Baton Rouge, February 2, 2007. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

27. Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel. The Board reviewed the applications submitted of clinical laboratory personnel licensure and made the following decisions:

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

Generalists

Dixon, Stephanie S.
Oliver, Latoya S.

Padgett, Geraldine Ann
Patton, Fannie B.H.

Generalists - Temporary Permit

Rome, Jody H.

Thornton, Jamie L.

Specialist - Trainee

Wiley, Jason Wayne

Technicians

Aguilar, Alvir F.

Collins, Stephanie E.

Technicians - Temporary Permit

Bordelon, Pok
Escobidal, Febie D.
Joseph, Lynell L.

Smith, Christa K.
Smith, Devan A.

Cytotechnologist

Gabourel, Clarissa L.

Laboratory Assistants

Atkins, Nelita F.
Black, Susan M.

Bulliard, Amie C.
Dickerson, Nicole M.

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Freeman, Katina F.
Gee, Angel D.
Harris, Kristy G.
Jones, Selma G.

Kyles, Monique L.
Matthew, Rhonda A.
Parker, Sarah C.

Laboratory Assistant Trainee

Wilson, Derika

Phlebotomists

Austin, Sandy J.
Dauzat, Brooke E.

Hebert, Twahana L.
Henley, Christina A.

Upgrade to Generalist

Jenkins, Vushonda Y.
Salem, Ahmed D.

Veillon, Karen A.

Upgrade to Technician - Temporary Permit

Rogers, Tina L.

Upgrade to Laboratory Assistant

Jackson, Dequetta M.

McDonald, Sharon M.

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

Generalist - Trainee

Hotard, Eric M.

Upgrade to Phlebotomist

Johnson, Henderson

28. Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy. The Board reviewed the applications submitted and upon motion made and unanimously carried, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Certified Respiratory Therapists

Come, Christine V.
Ducksworth, Lee E.
Dupree, Sean M.
Felton, Erin D.

Lewis, David A.
Nguyen, Thai Thanh
Stallworth, Alisha D.
Stevens, Dawn M.

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Storch, Brenda D.

Woullard, Linet S.

Registered Respiratory Therapists

Alexander, Tammy L.
Bergeron, Nicole M.
Canizares, Karla E.
Cothorn, Deborah D/
Christopher, Barbara M.
Gleckler, Milly A.
Grove, Ashley A.

Kobou, Donna L.
Matherne, Christy V.
McLendon, Toni W.
McNeely, Christopher
Roche, Cornelius
Turner, Carolyn D.
Wilcott, Chelsie M.

Certified Eligible Respiratory Therapists - 12 Month Temporary Permit

Briley, Laura E.
Lam, Van T.

Rochon, Brandy L.
Williams, Maya J.

29. Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy. The Board considered the applications submitted and upon motion made and unanimously carried, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Occupational Therapist - Examination

Busch, Richard Lowell
Hancock, Anna Elisabeth

Landry, Lauren Michelle
Matt, Stacey Trahan

Occupational Therapist - Reciprocity

Guidry, Trisha Dufrene

Reynolds, Kelly Norvell

Occupational Therapy Assistant - Examination

Bellamy, Sharon Anne

Lu, Mai Kim

30. Licensure and Certification; Athletic Trainers. The Board considered the applications submitted and upon motion made and unanimously carried, made the following decisions:

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

Examination

Bolden, Jeremy James
Keller, William Joseph

Peltier, Leah Romero
Waguespack, Chad M.

NATA

Fontenot, Chelsa Genet

- b. Ineligible - To inform the following that in accordance with the rules, she is ineligible for issuance of a third temporary permit:

Dufour, Heather Mary

31. Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistants. The Board considered the items submitted and upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried by majority voice vote, made the following decisions:

- a. Supervising Physicians - To approve the applications of the following, noting in accordance with the Board's rules, new supervising physicians for physician assistants were to be interviewed by a Board member:

Belgodere-Bonilla, Jorge R., M.D.
Belleau, Christopher L., M.D.
Ells, Sandra M., M.D.
Fogleman, Trent J., M.D.
Jacobs, Eugenia V., M.D.
Jiha, Jihad G., M.D.
Lagarde-May, Michele T., M.D.
McClure, Kathryn A., M.D.
Monroe-Wikes, Greta E., M.D.

Montgomery, Scott C., M.D.
Michael, Richard J., M.D.
Patlola, Raghotham R., M.D.
Porubsky, Gary L., M.D.
Roche-Green, Alva R., M.D.
Salloum, Ellis J., M.D.
Sullivan, Ellis J., M.D.
Winkeler, Laurentia A., M.D.

- b. Intent to Practice (Supervising Physician). To approve the supervising physician for the following previously approved physician assistants:

- 1) Armentor, Ryan Paul, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Mitchell Lirtzman 2730 Ambassador Caffery Parkway, Lafayette.
- 2) Bossier, Julie Theresa, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Robert Scott Thurston, 7777 Hennessy Avenue, Suite 1008, Baton Rouge.
- 3) Caldwell, Bernie Maurice, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Jeffrey Counts, Douglas Liles, Robert Louis Gavioli, White Solomon Graves IV, Robert B. Bulloch, Grant A. Dona, David Tretin, Timothy D. Spires, Sidney L. Bailey, Myron Bailey, North Louisiana Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Clinic, 312 Grammont Street, Suite 200, Monroe.
- 4) Clayton, Daniel Raydell, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Michael Trotter, 225 Dunn Street, Houma.
- 5) Condon, Stephanie Denise, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Kathryn McClure, 4720 South F10 Service Road, Suite 502, Metairie.
- 6) Delude, Neil Alan, PAC - Supervising physician: Dr. Scott Charles Montgomery, Ochsner Clinic, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.

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- 7) Doolittle, Elizabeth Michelle, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Ellis J. Salloum, One St. Mary Place, Shreveport.
- 8) Fifer, Nicole Elaine, PAC - Supervising physician: Drs. Philip R. Canfield, Michele Lagarde-May, Alva R. Roche-Green, Laurentia A. Winkeler, Ochsner Health System, 4225 Lapalco Boulevard, Marrero.
- 9) Folland, Scott Andrew, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Charles R. Billings, Tulane University Orthopaedics, 1415 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans.
- 10) Glotfelty, John S., PAC - Supervising physician: Dr. Patrick Mottram, 2750 E. Gause Boulevard, Slidell.
- 11) Harris, Michelle Winter, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Fred M. Sullivan, 501 Keyser Avenue, Natchitoches.
- 12) Henderson, Christa Rhodes, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Venkat R. Surakanti, 5231 Brittany Drive, Baton Rouge.
- 13) Johnson, Charles David, Jr., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Daniel Crook, 309 Jackson Street, Monroe.
- 14) Langley, Wendy M., PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Jeffrey Counts, White Solomon Graves, Scott K. McClelland and Timothy D. Spires, North Louisiana Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Clinic, 312 Grammont Street, Suite 200, Monroe.
- 15) Pitre, Robbie Sheridan, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Edward D. Sledge, 9001 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge.
- 16) Robin, Richard Rodney, PAC - Supervising physician: Dr. ge Bolgodere-Bonilla, Youngsville Medical Clinic, 310-A Youngsville Highway, Lafayette.
- 17) Stutes, Rachel Bulliard, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Norris P. Guidry and Julio Castro, Lafayette General Medical Center, 1214 Coolidge Street, Suite I751, Lafayette.
- 18) Vice, Courtney Lee, PA - Supervising physician: Trent Fogleman, 2602 North Drive, Abbeville.
- 19) Walker, Allison Gray, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Jiha G. Jiha, The Spine Diagnostic & Pain Management Center, 7777 Hennessy Boulevard, Suite 706, Baton Rouge.

c. Locum Tenens. To approve the locum tenens applications of the following provided all requirements had been met:

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- 1) Burdine, J. Michael, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Dr. Jiha George Jiha, 7777 Hennessy Boulevard, Suite 706, Baton Rouge.
- 2) Carroll, Eldredge L. Jr., M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Dr. Mark Anthony Herrera Operario, 421 Main Street, Columbia.
- 3) Duet, Darren, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Dr. Walter J. Birdsall, 102 West 112th Street, Cut Off.
- 4) Operario, Mark Anthony Herrera, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Dr. Eldredge Linus Carroll, 421 Main Street, Columbia.
- 5) Small, James W., M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Dr. Sandra Melissa Ells, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Department of Emergency Medicine, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

d. 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) Caldwell, Bernie Maurice, PAC - Supervising physicians: Drs. Douglas Liles, Robert L. Gavioli, White Solomon Graves, Robert B. Bulloch, Grant Dona, David M. Trentin, Timothy D. Spires, Sidney Bailey, and Myron Bailey, North Louisiana Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Clinic, 312 Grammont Street, Suite 200, Monroe.
- 2) Cummins, Paul James, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Michael Butler, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.
- 3) Delude, Neil Alan, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Scott Charles Montgomery, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.
- 4) Ferrington, Lindsay S., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Johnny Ingram, Riverland Medical Center Family Clinic, 104 Louisiana Avenue, Ferriday.
- 5) Johnson, Charles David Jr., PAC - Supervising physician: Dr. Daniel Crook, 309 Jackson Street, Monroe.
- 6) Langley, Wendy W., PAC - Supervising physicians: Drs. White Solomon Graves, Scott K. McClelland and Timothy D. Spires, North Louisiana Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Clinic, 312 Grammont Street, Suite 200, Monroe.
- 7) Midyett, Susan C., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Randal G. White, 745 Olive Street, Suite 200, Shreveport.
- 8) Muhovich, Vickie, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. 10101 Park Rowe Avenue, Suite 200, Baton Rouge.

9) White, Kelly Grace, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Eugenia Jacobs, 2108 Texas Avenue, Suite 3064, Alexandria.

e. Transfer to New Supervising Physician - To approve the following transfer to new supervising physicians for the following:

1) Domingue, Cal Anthony, PA - Old supervising physician: Dr. Michael Lirtzmann. New supervising physician: Dr. Vern Keller, 2730 Ambassador Caffery Parkway, Lafayette.

2) Ellis, Alencia Clayton, PA - Old supervising physician: Dr. Janet E. Lewis. New supervising physician: Dr. Greta E. Monroe-Wilkes, 3849 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge; 2335 Church Street, Zachary and 4867 West Park Drive, Zachary.

3) Fuselier, Victor W., PA - Old supervising physician: Dr. Robert Hansen. New supervising physician: Dr. Tommy Fudge, 225 Dunn Street, Houma.

4) Kock, Charles L., PA - Old supervising physician: Dr. Robert Hansen. New supervising physician: Dr. Michael Trotter, 225 Dunn Street, Houma.

5) McGee, Andrea Robin, PAC - Old supervising physician: Buford Eugene Berry. New supervising physician: Dr. Henry L. Eiserloh, Baton Rouge Orthopaedic Clinic, 8080 Bluebonnet #1000, Baton Rouge.

6) Van Duzee, Anthony Leslie, PAC - Old supervising physician: Dr. John Nyboer. New supervising physician: Dr. Christopher Belleau, 5000 Hennessy Boulevard, Baton Rouge; 8000 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge.

7) Verdun, Shawna N., PA - Old supervising physician: Dr. Allen Joseph. New supervising physician: Dr. Shammi Kataria, 5000 Hennessy Boulevard, Suite 208A, Baton Rouge.

8) White, Kelly Grace, PA - Old supervising physician: Dr. Howard Wold. New supervising physician: Dr. Eugenia V. Jacobs, 2108 Texas Avenue, Suite 3064, Alexandria.

f. New Applicants - To approve the application for the following whose supervising physician had not yet been determined:

Edwards, Alice Mae

Lacouture, Ann Howcott

g. Upgrade - To approve the upgrade of the following due to passage of the NCCPA-PANCE examination:

Doolittle, Elizabeth Michelle

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32. Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; Foreign Medical Graduates. The Board reviewed the items regarding graduates of foreign medical schools and upon motion made, duly seconded and carried by unanimous voice vote, approved the applications of the following provided all requirements had been met:

a. Non- Routine - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Shenava, Rajesh Gopal, M.D. - To accept certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine in lieu of training, thereby making him eligible for licensure.

b. Routine - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Issac, Prassana
Phansalkar, Sachin Shamkant

Taba, Katia Emiko

33. Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates. The Board reviewed items submitted regarding graduates of U.S. or Canadian medical schools and upon motion made, duly seconded and carried by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

a. Auburn, Robert Mark, M.D. - To defer action on the application of Robert Mark Auburn, M.D., pending a personal appearance.

b. Non-Routine - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Bright, William A.
Freeborn, Isaac D.
Lester, Mary E.

Massey, Marga F.
Smith, George John
Williams, Irma

b. Routine - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Borders, Guy T.
Bouldin, Molly B.
Cazayoux, Walter R.
Chopra, Sanjay K., DO
Cogle, Christopher Allan
Gutierrez, Ralph A.
Harlow, Michael C.

Hoy, John F.
Kilpatrick, Robert A.
Mallampati, Gutham K.
Peltier, Jacques C.
Pham, Justin H.
Trefelner, Eric C.

34. Licensure and Certification; Dispensing Registration. The Board reviewed the applications submitted and upon motion made, duly seconded and carried by unanimous voice, made the following decisions:

a. Routine

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Zeringue, Guy Paul III, M.D. - Southern E.N.T. Associates, Inc., 1105 Audubon Avenue, Suite B, Thibodaux. Specialty: Otolaryngology. Medications to be dispensed: As listed.

b. Deferred - To defer on the application of the following for issuance of dispensation registration pending receipt of additional information:

1) Skov, Peter T, M.D. - Quick Trim Clinic, 3814 Veterans Boulevard, Suite 209, Metairie; 4001 Lapalco Boulevard, Suite 15, Harvey. Specialty: Bariatric Medicine. Medications to be dispensed: As listed.

c. Add/Change Dispensing Location.

Hemelt, Melissa Lusco, M.D. - Add: Advanced Medical Weight Loss, 1597 Gause Boulevard, Suite B, Slidell. Delete: 1503 Gause Boulevard, Suite 7, Slidell.

35. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Relicensure/Reinstatement.

The Board reviewed the applications submitted for reinstatement and upon motion made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, made the following decisions:

a. Approved - To approve reinstatement of the following provided all requirements had been met:

Generalist

Blaney, Kristy M.

Physicians and Surgeons

Reeves, John D.

Winstead, Nathaniel S.

Respiratory Therapists

Dumars, Deborah
Engelsen, Karen
Graffagnino, Joell A.

Merwin, Courtney C.
Price, Rodney D.

Occupational Therapist

West, Norma Thibodeaux

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

LeBlanc, Fay G., RRT

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36. Licensure and Certification; Perfusionist. The Board considered the application submitted and upon motion made and unanimously carried, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Kostelak, Mark P.

37. Licensure and Certification; Polysomnography. The Board considered the application submitted and upon motion made and unanimously carried, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Trainee

Seard, Sadie Lee

38. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report. The Board reviewed the reports of Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Investigating Officer, on the applicants for licensure with fingerprint discrepancies. Following review, on motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Board accepted the report of Dr. Mouton and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Dispensing Physician

Turnipseed, Joseph

Physician and Surgeon

Ly, Tan Duy

39. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Ability of International Medical Graduates in Postgraduate Training to Moonlight. The Board reviewed a request from William Davis, M.D., F.A.C.P., Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency Program, Ochsner Medical Center, asking whether international medical graduates in PGY2 and PGY3 year of training would be allowed to moonlight within the facility. Following review and discussion, in line with a previous decision, it was the consensus of the Board to approve this matter on a case-by-case basis and provided (I) the service is within the scope of the postgraduate medical training program for which the individual has been approved by the Board; (ii) provided that while engaged in such service the individual remains under the supervision of physicians designated by the program in which he is enrolled, who remain responsible to the patient and the Board for the proper performance and delivery of medical care; and, (iii) the location where the services are rendered is located in the same medical school, facility or institution where the postgraduate medical program is being conducted or at facilities affiliated with the program.

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40. Next Meeting of Board. The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for April 16, 17, 2007.

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 March 19, 2007, as approved by the Board on the 16th day of April 2007.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 16th day of April 2007.

Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest

Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.
President