

**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**  
**May 16, 2007**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Robert Parker Building  
Montgomery, AL

Members Present

Jorge Alsip, M.D., Chairman  
Kenneth Aldridge, M.D., Vice-Chairman  
James G. Chambers, M.D.  
James G. Davis, M.D.  
Edward C. Facundus, M.D.  
Richard M. Freeman, M.D.  
Steven P. Furr, M.D.  
J. Daniel Gifford, M.D.  
B. Jerry Harrison, M.D.  
David P. Herrick, M.D.  
Juan Johnson, M.D.  
Paul M. Nagrodzki, M.D.  
George C. Smith, Jr., M.D.  
Pamela D. Varner, M.D.

Members Not Present

Allan Goldstein, M.D.

Others Present

Billy Addison	Jackie Baskin
Larry Dixon	Randy Dixon
Amy Dorminey	Pat Enfinger
Jeff Grimsley	Jane Hartley
Jim Hulett	Stan Ingram
David McGilvray	Randy Moore
Ed Munson	Ray Murray
Jim Nichols	Patricia E. Shaner
Anne Shiver	Cheryl Thomas

Board Chairman, Jorge Alsip, M.D., stated that, a quorum of fourteen members being present, the public portion of the meeting of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners was convened.

Election of Officers Consideration was made of the election of Officers of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners for the 2007 - 2008 term. A motion was made and adopted that Jorge A. Alsip, M.D., be nominated to serve as Chairman and that nominations be closed. A motion was made and adopted that Kenneth W. Aldridge, M.D., be nominated to serve as Vice Chairman and nominations be closed. The motions carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2007**

The Credentials Committee recommended the Public Minutes of April 11, 2007, be approved. The motion was adopted.

## **II ENDORSEMENT**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endor. With</u>
1	John B. Abell	UNIV OF LOUISVILLE SCHOOL OF MED	NBME/GA
2	Vibha Agrawal	MOTI LAL NEHRU MED COLL UNIV ALLAHABAD	USMLE/KY
3	* Jeremy Wilson Amps	UNIV OF TEXAS MED SCHOOL AT GALVESTON	USMLE/OH
4	Sherri Sullivan Arledge	UNIV OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	USMLE/MS
5	Carol Marie Ashton	UNIV OF TEXAS MED SCHOOL AT GALVESTON	FLEX/TX
6	Eric Ashley Bedell	UNIV OF IOWA COLL OF MED	FLEX/NE
7	Darren Josiah Bell	TEXAS A&M UNIV COLLEGE OF MED	USMLE/TN
8	Andrew Bennett III	CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIV SCH OF MED	USMLE/IL
9	Timothy Glenn Beukelman	WASHINGTON UNIV SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	USMLE/OH
10	Aaron Ashley Booth	UNIV OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	USMLE
11	Santiago Borasino	ACAD PRG PERUANA CAYETANO HEREDIA	USMLE/PA
12	Bridget Suzanne Brunner	UASOM	USMLE/TN
13	Brian Everett Caruthers	UNIV OF TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	USMLE
14	* Gregory Theodore Ciaccio	LA STATE UNIV SCH OF MED NEW ORLEANS	USMLE/LA
15	Rebecca Pendergrass Cook	UNIV OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCH OF MEDICINE	USMLE/SC
16	Hans Lucas Crumpler	BOWMAN GRAY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	USMLE/NC
17	* Miranda Decker	UNIV OF KENTUCKY COLL OF MED	USMLE
18	Kamalbir K. Dhaliwal	SCH MED & VET MED ROSS UNIV	USMLE
19	Karen Lynn Eaton	UNIV OF TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	USMLE/NY
20	Anita Catherine Gaind	NEW YORK MED COLLEGE VALHALLA	USMLE/CA
21	* Roberto Antonio Gomez-Suarez	BOLIVIANA MAYOR DE SAN FRAN XAVIER	USMLE
22	Thomas Bowden Gore	DUKE UNIV SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	NBME/GA
23	Brian Joseph Heller	LA STATE UNIV SCH OF MED NEW ORLEANS	USMLE/LA
24	Alicia Hodge	WAYNE STATE UNIV SCHOOL OF MED	USMLE/GA
25	Rebel Renee' Huffman	UNIV OF TEXAS MED SCHOOL AT GALVESTON	USMLE

26	Amanda Michelle Ivy	UNIV OF TEXAS MED SCHOOL AT GALVESTON	USMLE
27	* Kesha Antoinette Wilson James	UNIV OF MED & DEN NJ MED SCHOOL	USMLE/AL
28	Sarah Elizabeth Joiner	UNIV OF SO AL COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	USMLE/AL
29	Anand Kesari	MAULANA AZAD MED COLL UNIV OF DELHI	USMLE/IN
30	Mahboob Ali Khan	KHYBER MED COLLEGE UNIV OF PESHAWAR	USMLE/PA
31	Rita Marie Kinback	HAHNEMANN UNIV SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	USMLE/NH
32	Jennifer Starr Listerman	UNIV OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MED	USMLE
33	Anthony J. Michaels	OHIO STATE UNIV COLLEGE OF MED	USMLE
34	* Beatrice Laurie Alexa Moore	BOWMAN GRAY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	USMLE/DC
35	Matthew Ryan Mulloy	INDIANA UNIV SCHOOL OF MED INDIANAPOLIS	USMLE/TN
36	Arasen Avinash Vishnada Paupoo	SCH CLIN MED UNIV OF CAMBRIDGE	USMLE
37	Irving Melvin Raber	UNIV OF MANITOBA FACULTY OF MED	FLEX/MN
38	John Robert Rinker II	MED COLLEGE OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF MED	USMLE/MO
39	Saba Rizvi	UNIV OF SO AL COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	USMLE/AL
40	Paige Calhoun Roy	EASTERN VIRGINIA MED SCHOOL	USMLE/WI
41	James William Roy	EASTERN VIRGINIA MED SCHOOL	USMLE/TX
42	Thriveni Sanagala	MED COLLEGE SRI VENKATESVARA UNIV	FLEX/IL
43	Anne Marie Schmidt	MED COLLEGE OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF MED	USMLE
44	Vishal Michael Shah	UNIV OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MED SCH	USMLE/TX
45	Bitu Shakoory-Asl	ZANJAN UNIV OF MED SCIENCES	USMLE
46	* Musadag Mamoun Sinada	FAC OF MED UNIV OF KHARTOUM	USMLE/HI
47	James Michael Smith	UNIV OF OSTEOPATHIC MED DES MOINES	NBOME/NY
48	John Lodney Stafford	LA STATE UNIV SCH OF MED NEW ORLEANS	NBME/LA
49	Mohammed Badr Abo Assad Sultan	FACULTY OF MEDICINE UNIV OF ALEPPO	USMLE/OH
50	Jeffrey Walker Webb	MED COLLEGE OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF MED	USMLE/VA
51	Derek A. Woessner	MERCER UNIV SCHOOL OF MED	USMLE/GA
52	Minsheng Zhuang	SHANGHAI MED UNIV	USMLE
53	Joseph Erik Busby	MEDICAL UNIV OF SC COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	USMLE/CA
54	Angelo Guerrero Chavez	FAC OF MED CATH UNIV GUAYAQUIL SANTIAGO	USMLE
55	Neha Suresh Desai	KASTURBA MED COLL MANGALORE UNIV	USMLE/IL
56	David Avery Fahey	BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	NBME/MA
57	Sami M. Fakir	MEDICAL FACULTY EGE UNIVERSITY	USMLE/WI
58	Jeffrey Alan Gill	UNIV OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	USMLE
59	Gerardo S. Gonzalez	FACULTY OF MED SCI NATL UNIV OF CORDOBA	USMLE/LA
60	Robert Edward Gordon	UNIV OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MED SCHOOL	FLEX/TX
61	Erin Arthur Gottlieb	UNIV OF TX MEDICAL SCHOOL AT GALVESTON	USMLE/TX
62	Heather Louise Haddad	TULANE UNIV SCHOOL OF MED	USMLE/NC
63	Raleigh Francis Johnson III	UNIV OF TX MEDICAL SCHOOL AT GALVESTON	USMLE/WI
64	Robert Louis Lapidus	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV SCH OF MED	NBME/TN
65	Anthony Raymond Maggio	FAC OF MED AUTO U OF GUADALAJARA	USMLE/AL
66	Nilam Chimam Patel	UNIV OF SO AL COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	USMLE/TX
67	Adam Louis Peyton	PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF OSTEO MED	NBOME/NJ
68	Weston Herbert Rothrock	UASOM	USMLE
69	Kenneth Castles Shull	MEDICAL UNIV OF SC COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	FLEX/SC
70	Amy Devasher Strassburg	UNIV OF SO AL COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	USMLE/LA
71	David Michael Walters	TX TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	USMLE

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of endorsement candidates one through seventy-one. The motion was adopted.

\* Jeremy Wilson Amps, M.D. After consideration of an application for licensure

through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

\* Gregory T. Ciaccio, M.D. After consideration of an application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

\* Miranda Decker, M.D. After consideration of an application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

\* Rosario Antonio Gomez-Suarez, M.D. After consideration of an application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

\* Kesha Antionette Wilson James, M.D. After consideration of an application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

\* Beatrice Laurie Alexa Moore, M.D. After consideration of an application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

\* Musadag Mamoun Sinada, M.D. After consideration of an interview with Dr. Sinada, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the application for licensure through endorsement. The motion was adopted.

John Thomas Mazzeo, M.D. After consideration of an interview with Dr. Mazzeo, the Credentials Committee recommended denying the application for licensure through endorsement based upon the ground of unprofessional conduct specific to workplace

incidences, which resulted in Dr. Mazzeo being required to submit to a psychological evaluation. The Board found that Dr. Mazzeo has engaged in a pattern of disruptive behavior in the workplace and with other medical professionals. The Board finds that such behavior creates an intimidating workplace environment, impedes hospital staff's ability to function effectively, and interferes with patient care. This disruptive and unprofessional behavior has occurred in two separate hospitals over a period of several years and has involved verbal altercations in the presence of patients. One of the incidents involving another physician escalated to the threshold of physical violence before others intervened. The motion was adopted.

**LIMITED LICENSE**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endor. With</u>
1	Kalpana Gorthi	MADRAS MED COLL UNIV OF MADRAS	LL/AL
2	Sanchita Gupta	KASTURBA MED COLL MANGALORE UNIV	LL/AL
3	Sumana Kakivayi	Mamata MED College	LL/AL
4	Rakshitkumar Amratbhai Patel	M S UNIV/B J MED COLLEGE GUJARAT UNIV	LL/AL
5	Satish Kumar Sarvepalli	KEMPEGOWDA INST OF MED SCIENCES	LL/AL
6	Sandeep Singh Virk	MAHARASHTRA INSTITUTE OF MED SCIENCES	LL/AL
7	Ashima Malik	MAULANA AZAD MED COLL UNIV OF DELHI	LL/AL

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of limited license candidates one through seven. The motion was adopted.

## **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS / ADVANCE PRACTICE NURSES**

### **P.A. License**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>NCCPA</u>
1. Michael Lee Stevens	Univ of Nebraska	1041758
2. Brian Nathan Sarapin	MA College of Pharm & Hlth	1061868
3. Donald Scott Griffin	Med Univ SC	1041188

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. License applicants one through three. The motion was adopted.

### **P.A. Registration**

Stacy Renee Bellamy, PA / Robert Lamar Duffy, MD The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application to include standard language regarding numbers two and twenty-three on the P.A. formulary. The motion was adopted.

Karen L. Harness, PA / John Christopher Davis, MD The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Paxton Johanson, PA / John Christopher Davis, MD The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Paxton Johanson, PA / Stephen R. Steinmetz, MD The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Linda Langston, PA / Robert James Sciacca, MD The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Linda Langston, PA / Stephen R. Steinmetz, MD The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Misti Lipscomb, PA / Christopher G. Endfinger, MD The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Victoria J. Porter, PA / Robert James Sciacca, MD The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Michael Lee Stevens, PA / John P. McGuinness, MD The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application to include standard language regarding number twenty-three on the P.A. formulary. The Committee further recommended sending the P.A. a copy of Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.24, which addresses remote site practice during a declared national or state emergency, or natural disaster. The motion was adopted.

Araceli G. Sweeney, PA / Mir Kwon Wu Varquez, MD The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application, excluding the request for number twenty-three on the P.A. formulary. The motion was adopted.

Brian Nathan Sarapin, PA / Amorette Miller, MD The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application and the request for additional duties as previously approved by the Board, excluding the repair of fingertip injuries. The motion was adopted.

Donald Scott Griffin, PA / Ronald James Varcak, DO The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application with remote site as requested. The motion was adopted.

### **Miscellaneous Requests / Reports**

Eric Hardy, PA / Edward U. Kissell, III, MD - Documentation of training to perform

arthrocentesis and joint injections The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the documentation of training the P.A. to perform arthrocentesis and joint injections. The motion was adopted.

Kelli L. Knox, PA / R. Rex Payne, MD - Documentation of training to perform cryosurgery The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the documentation of training the P.A. to perform cryosurgery. The Committee recommended notifying the physician and P.A. of the Board's opinion that the P.A. may only perform cryosurgery on skin lesions not to exceed 5mm in diameter and not below the dermis, and that cryosurgery on anatomically sensitive areas such as eyes and ears should be evaluated by the physician prior to treatment. The motion was adopted.

Tammy Smith-Ward, PA / Pamela M. Quinn, MD - Request consideration of LCL regarding prescribing anodyne treatments The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the use of anodyne treatment as requested on the P.A. formulary. The motion was adopted.

Consideration of wording regarding shave biopsies The Credentials Committee recommended adopting the following opinion regarding shave biopsies: The Board recommends approval to allow PAs to perform shave excisions / biopsies not to exceed 5mm in diameter and not below the dermis. Shave excisions / biopsies on anatomically sensitive areas such as eyes and ears should be evaluated by the physician prior to treatment. The Committee further recommends publishing this opinion in the quarterly newsletter. The motion was adopted.



## **Joint Committee on Advanced Practice Nursing**

Joint Committee Meeting - May 15, 2007, 6:00 p.m. The Credentials Committee recommended deferring to the full Board for an oral report to be presented by Dr. Furr. The Board recommended the oral report presented by Dr. Furr be received as information and the recommendations of the Joint Committee be approved. The motion was adopted. A copy of the minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting shall be made a part of these minutes and attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

Administrative Rule 540-X-11, Laser Guidelines. In response to public comments received, the Credentials Committee recommended the following: 1) amend Administrative Rule 540-X-11 to exclude physical therapists, occupational therapists, optometrists and chiropractors in the same way dentists are currently excluded, 2) specify the use of electrocautery as an energy source that may be used by delegates under direct physician supervision, 3) do not amend the definition of "on site physician supervision," 4) adhere to manufacturer recommendations and specifications for maintenance of lasers, 5) consider modification of the rule title to expand beyond laser, 6) adhere to no grand-fathering, 7) adhere to current definition of ablative and non-ablative, 8) amend Notice of Intent to read "yes" to fiscal impact, 9) qualify that the rule applies only to laser use outside of a hospital as defined by statute, 10) Amend 540-X-11-.09(3) to clarify the requirement that requires the supervising physician see the patient before initiating therapy, but not necessarily before every treatment.

The Committee recommends reconsideration of any amendments on next month's agenda. The motion was adopted.

Alabama Athletic Trainer Licensure Act The Credentials Committee recommended notifying the Athletic Trainer Board that the Board recommends that the current terminology of "athlete" not be amended to "individual." The Committee further recommends discussion with Dr. James Davis in reference to the proposed amendments to the Athletic Trainer Act, and recommends the final legislative proposal be resubmitted to the Board for consideration. The motion was adopted.

## **HEARINGS**

ABME Hearing Schedule The Credentials Committee recommended the ABME Hearing Schedule be received as information.



Larry D. Dixon  
Executive Director



George Alsip, M.D.  
Chairman