

**PUBLIC MINUTES  
ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
July 16, 2008  
10:00 a.m.**

848 Washington Ave.  
Montgomery, AL

Members Present

Kenneth Aldridge, M.D., Chairman  
Steven P. Furr, M.D., Vice-Chairman  
Jorge Alsip, M.D.  
James G. Chambers, M.D.  
James G. Davis, M.D.  
Richard M. Freeman, M.D.  
J. Daniel Gifford, M.D.  
William E. Goetter, M.D.  
B. Jerome Harrison, M.D.  
Juan Johnson, M.D.  
Paul M. Nagrodzki, M.D.  
George C. Smith, Jr., M.D.  
Timothy A. Stewart, M.D.  
Pamela D. Varner, M.D.

Members Not Present

David P. Herrick, 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	Jim Nichols
Edwin Rogers	Trish Shaner
Anne Shiver	Cheryl Thomas

Board Chairman, Kenneth Aldridge, 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.

PUBLIC MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2008 The Credentials Committee recommended

approval of the Public Minutes of June 25, 2008. The motion was adopted.

ENDORSEMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endor. With</u>
1 * Geoffrey Nnamdi Alilonu	Sch Med & Vet Med Ross University	USMLE/NY
2 * Timothy Alan Bonsack	Emory Univ School Of Med	NBME/GA
3 Emmett Wadsworth Bowers III	Mercer Univ School Of Med	USMLE
4 Amjad I. Butt	Allama Iqbal Medical College Univ of the Punjab	NBME/PA
5 Eric Bryan England	Univ Of Kentucky Coll Of Med	USMLE
6 * Manu Gujrati	Northwestern Univ Medical School	USMLE/KY
7 Matthew Heath Hale	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/TX
8 Amy Beam Halliburton	Quillen-Dishner Coll of Med East Tn State Uni	USMLE/AL
9 Johnathan Charles Hays	Univ Of So AL College Of Medicine	USMLE
10 * Nadya Homan	Medical College Of Georgia School Of Med	USMLE/AL
11 * Stephen Arthur Hughes	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/AL
12 Jonathan Richard Hughes	Quillen-Dishner Coll Of Med East TN State Uni	USMLE/AL
13 Scott W. Irvine	Medical College Of Georgia School Of Med	USMLE/AL
14 * Aimee Johnson-Wirt	Univ Of Iowa Coll Of Med	USMLE
15 * Patrick Shin Maeng	Medical College Of Virginia School Of Med	USMLE/AL
16 Saeeda Kausar Malik	Dow Medical College Univ Of Karachi	USMLE/IL
17 Peter Joseph Mannon	Boston University School Of Medicine	NBME/NC
18 * Nziavake Masimasi	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/OH
19 Daran Jennings Mason	Sch Of Med American Univ Of Caribbean	USMLE/AL
20 Tatum Adams McArthur	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
21 * Norman Eugene McCoomer	Univ Of Kentucky Coll Of Med	USMLE/VA
22 Mark William Meyermann	Univ Of Osteopathic Med & Den NJ Stratford	NBOME/HI
23 * Ajit Naidu	New York Medical College Valhalla	USMLE/LA
24 Sridaran Narayanan	Univ Of Med & Den NJ Medical School	USMLE
25 * Charles Alan Roth	University Of Texas Medical School	FLEX/LA
26 Steven Guy Sheils	Univ of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/AL
27 Michael Lenders Shelton	Univ Of Florida College Of Medicine	USMLE
28 Matthew Thomas Smith	Univ Of Florida College Of Medicine	USMLE/AL
29 Muayyad Tailounie	Fac Of Med Univ Of Damascus	USMLE
30 Guy Hideo Takahashi	John Burns Sch Med Univ Of Hawaii Sch Med	USMLE/HI
31 * Ronishia D. Thomas	Tulane Univ School Of Med	USMLE/TN
32 Walter Yutaka Uyesugi	Coll Of Osteopathic Med Of The Pacific	NBOME/HI
33 Henry Eng Wang	Univ Med & Den Nj Robert Wood Johnson Sch	USMLE/DE
34 Eric Hunt Wigton	Saint Louis University School Of Medicine	USMLE/AL
35 Nathan Scott Alexander	Louisiana State Univ Sch Of Med Shreveport	USMLE/AL
36 David Nelson Anderson	Univ Of New Mexico School Of Medicine	USMLE/GA
37 Karin Walke Baker	Medical College Of Georgia School Of Med	USMLE/PA
38 John Bret Bitner	Univ Of Health Sciences/Chicago Med Sch	USMLE/MN
39 Angela Cato Blount	Emory Univ School Of Med	USMLE/FL
40 Rafael Segundo Briceno Brito	Universidad De Oriente Nucleo De Anzoategui	USMLE/FL
41 Jennifer Shana Diamond Currie	Southeastern Coll Of Osteopathic Med	NBOME
42 Steven Nicholas Dirmeyer	Univ Of Mississippi School Of Medicine	USMLE/AL

43	Matthew Joseph Fabrizio	Univ Of Ill Coll Of Med Peoria	USMLE/AL
44	Timothy Michael Galey	Saint Georges Univ School Of Medicine	USMLE
45	Joseph Blake Golden	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/AL
46	Jennifer Michelle Good	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/AL
47	Paul Harden Graham	University Of Texas Medical School At Houston	USMLE/AL
48	Leander Morel Grimm Jr.	University Of Texas Medical School At Houston	USMLE/AL
49	Haritha Vejendla Guttikonda	Guntur Medical College Nagarjuna Univ	USMLE
50	Benjamin David Hoagland	Uniformed Services Univ Of Health Sciences	USMLE
51	Jeb Stuart Hornsby	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/AL
52	Innocent Ahamefula Iroetugo	College of Medicine Univ of Ibadan	USMLE
53	Jessica Lee Kirk	St George's Hosp Med Sch Univ Of London	USMLE
54	Michael Landers Knox	Univ Of Louisville School Of Med	USMLE/AL
55	Charles Russell Kovaleski	Univ Of Florida College Of Medicine	NBME/LA
56	Melissa Maria Lantz	Univ Health Sciences Coll Osteopathic Med	NBOME/NY
57	Elena Rocio Lopez	Sch Of Med Fac Med Sci Cen Univ Ecuador	USMLE/IL
58	Tara Marie Otto	Univ Of So AL College Of Medicine	USMLE/AL
59	Ivan Aleksandrovich Pivovarov	Kemerovskij Medical Institute	USMLE
60	Yimei Qian	Anhui Medical College	USMLE
61	James Eric Ragan II	Morehouse School Of Medicine	NBME/GA
62	Kris Ann Roberts	Kirkville College Of Osteopathic Medicine	NBOME/IA
63	Kimberly Anne Roberts	Sch Med & Vet Med Ross University	USMLE
64	Steven Michael Roth	Sch Med & Vet Med Ross University	USMLE
65	Sunil Kumar Sharma	Saba U Sch Med	USMLE
66	James Ross Simril	Medical Univ Of SC College Of Medicine	USMLE
67	Jay Michael Stanley	University Of Texas Medical School	USMLE
68	Nasreen Tariq	Dow Medical College Univ Of Karachi	FLEX
69	Joseph Ryan Turner	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
70	Eduardo Javier Villeda Montenegro	Faculty Of Medicine Evangelical University	USMLE
71	Almand Joseph Westbrook Jr.	Sch Med & Vet Med Ross University	USMLE
72	Blake August Booth	LA State U SOM New Orleans	USMLE

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

\* Geoffrey Nnamdi Alilonu, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement and acceptance of the voluntary Non-Disciplinary Citation with Administrative Charge, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

\* Timothy Alan Bonsack, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

\* Manu Gujrati, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement and acceptance of the voluntary Non-Disciplinary Citation with Administrative Charge, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

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

\* Stephen Arthur Hughes, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

\* Aimee Johnson - Wirt, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement and acceptance of the voluntary Non-Disciplinary Citation with Administrative Charge, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

\* Patrick Shin Maeng, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

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

\* Norman Eugene McCoomer, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement and acceptance of the voluntary Non-Disciplinary Citation with Administrative Charge, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the

endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

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

\* Charles Alan Roth, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

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

### LIMITED LICENSE

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endor. With</u>
1	* Benjamin Steven Favis	Med Col of GA/Spartan Health Sciences University	LL/AL
2	Justin Ray Bevel	Meharry Medical College School Of Med	LL/AL
3	Caroline Joanne Day	Pulse Beat Med Sch Univ Witwatersrand	LL/AL
4	Syeda Heena Fatima	Kurnool Medical College Sri Venkatesvara Univ	LL/AL
5	Sarah Fulghum	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	LL/AL
6	Brian Gan Keung Gee	Saba U Sch Med	LL/AL
7	Alka Kurra	JSS Medical College	LL/AL
8	Eric Justin Law	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	LL/AL
9	Jonathan Patmor Maddux	Univ Of Louisville School Of Med	LL/AL
10	John Douglas Shugrue	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	LL/AL
11	Lacy Michelle Smith	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	LL/AL
12	Rebecca Helen Smith	Univ Of Tennessee College Of Medicine	LL/AL

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of Limited License applicants one through twelve. The motion was adopted.

\* Benjamin Steven Favis, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the limited license applicant. The motion was adopted.



9 Nikki Stokley Quinley USAM Registered

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of Temporary PA License applicants one through nine. The motion was adopted.

**Temporary P.A. License to Full License**

Name School NCCPA

1 Courtney Brooke Renner UAB 1081187

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the Temporary PA License to Full License applicant. The motion was adopted.

**P.A. Registration**

Stacey Mohr Brown, PA / Michele Jude Goldhagen, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Ellen Shea Burch, PA / John Lee Anthony, Jr., M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Melanie Devore Busby, PA / Robert J. Zarzour, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application including the request to train the P.A. to perform joint injections. The motion was adopted.

Virginia Kathleen Chandler, PA / Michael Dewayne Goodlett, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Sheryll C. Coleman, PA / Rex A. Sherer, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Melissa Faulk, PA / Gregory William Shields, M.D. The Credentials Committee

recommended approval of the P.A. registration application including, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-three on the P.A. formulary, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Karen L. Harness, PA / John Ferguson, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Tashia Nasim Islam, PA / Raghda Yahya, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Jaimee C. Tullos, PA / John T. Killian, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application, excluding number twenty-three, birth control drugs and devices and number twenty-four, oxytocics, on the P.A. formulary. The motion was adopted.

Tammie S. Smith-Ward, PA / Asher Turney, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application including, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-one, gold compounds, and number twenty-three, birth control drugs and devices, on the P.A. formulary. The motion was adopted.

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

Jennifer Nobles, AA / John Keith McKelvey, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the A.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.



## **Miscellaneous Requests / Reports**

Kristi Bane, PA / Kathleen Strickland, PA / Paul Muratta, D.O. - Request permission to refill intrathecal pain pump The Credentials Committee recommended approval, with standard language, the request for the P.A. to refill intrathecal pain pumps. The motion was adopted.

Clarification regarding use of Candela GentleLASE and Candela Gentle Yag The Credentials Committee recommended approval for the P.A. to use the Candela GentleLASE and Candela Gentle Yag under direct physician supervision. The motion was adopted.

Joseph Guthrie, PA / Mohammad Kamran, M.D. - Request remote site privileges The Credentials Committee recommended denial of the request for remote site privileges with notification to Dr. Kamran that obtaining an on-site covering physician would be the only option to obtain remote site privileges. George C. Smith, Jr., M.D., recused himself from discussion, deliberation and determination. The motion was adopted.

David Kloda, PA / Michael Hanaway, M.D. - Request consideration of additional privileges The Credentials Committee recommended approval, with standard language, of the request for the P.A. to place arterial lines and to remove indwelling hemodialysis catheters. The motion was adopted.

George Payne, PA The Credentials Committee recommended receiving the report as information. The motion was adopted.

Courtney Renner, PA / John Kingsley, M.D. - Request consideration of formulary The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. formulary excluding number twenty-three, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Benjamin Watts, PA / Glenn Esses, M.D. - Documentation of training to perform sclerotherapy injections The Credentials Committee recommended notifying Dr. Esses that the PA is not approved to perform sclerotherapy using any agent other than hypertonic saline and advising Dr. Esses that he should present his information to MASA's General Counsel, Les Hayes, to be addressed by the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Non-Physician Practice. The motion was adopted.

Request Clarification of Electrocautery The Credentials Committee recommended that the Board adopt the opinion that, due to the minimum energy used in a hyfrecator, direct physician supervision is not required. The motion was adopted.

Request Clarification regarding Nurse Practitioner Weight Loss Clinic The Credentials Committee recommended responding to Mr. Bell that the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners is the authority that regulates physicians and that the Alabama Board of Nursing has no regulatory authority over physicians. The motion was adopted.

Request for FTE Exemption The Credentials Committee recommended denying the request for an FTE exemption. The motion was adopted.

Request for Board Opinion The Credentials Committee recommended that the Board adopt the opinion that, in regards to Administrative Rules 540-X-8-.04(1)(b) and 540-X-8-.18(1)(b), the practice of medicine is defined as practicing with an active, unrestricted medical license and the practice of medicine includes that portion of post-graduate training completed after receipt of an, unrestricted medical license. It is the Board's opinion that a covering physician's licensure requirement is the same as required of a collaborating physician. The motion was adopted.

Deborah Jeter, PA / R. Jobe Fix, M.D. - Closing and repairing abdominal donor site by

PA The Credentials Committee recommended approval for PA Jeter, formerly designated as a Surgeon Assistant, to close and repair abdominal donor sites only with Dr. Fix physically present and scrubbed for the procedure. The Committee's recommendation is based upon the PA and physician's registration having been in place prior to, and having remained in place since, the Board's 1998 Administrative Rule amendment in which Surgeon Assistants were converted to Physician Assistants. The Committee further recommended notifying PAs and physicians, with similar registrations, of this Board decision. The motion was adopted.

Donnie Willoughby, PA / Carlton Savory, M.D. - Letter of clarification The Credentials Committee recommended notifying Dr. Savory that PA Willoughby is ineligible to apply for an Alabama PA license due to statutory requirements. The motion was adopted.

RN to Dictate Discharge Summary - The Credentials Committee recommended approval for an RN to dictate the discharge summary from information already documented in the record. The expectation of the Board is that the discharge summary will include all pertinent information required by physicians providing subsequent care, including admitting diagnosis, discharge diagnosis, discharge medications, follow-up plans and an appropriately detailed narrative of the patient's hospital course. The dictated discharge summary shall be reviewed and signed by the physician who shall accept full responsibility for the summary. The motion was adopted.

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner - Removal of intra-luminal obstructive material  
The Board recommended approval for Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioners, with pre-approved physician protocol and by physician order only, to remove intra-luminal obstructive material through the catheter lumen by use of thrombolytic agents. The motion

was adopted.

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

Joint Committee Meeting - July 15, 2008 The Credentials Committee recommended deferring to the full Board for an oral report to be presented by Dr. Smith. The Board recommended the oral report presented by Dr. Smith 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-7-.28ER, Prescriptions and Medication Orders - Physician Assistant The Credentials Committee recommended amending Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.28 by deleting subparagraph (8) in its entirety and filing the rule for publication for public comment in the Administrative Monthly. The Committee further recommended that staff draft proposed language allowing mid-level practitioners to write a verbal order for controlled substances for hospitalized patients and nursing home patients. The motion was adopted.

Administrative Rule 540-X-14, Continuing Medical Education The Credentials Committee recommended deferring consideration to amend the continuing medical education requirements pending additional information. The motion was adopted.

Article, Performance during Internal Medicine Residency Training and Subsequent Disciplinary Action by State Licensing Boards The Credentials Committee recommended

receiving the article as information. The motion was adopted.

Fingerprint Background Check Options After consideration of a proposal for provision of fingerprint card processing services, the Credentials Committee recommended notifying Southern Detention Technologies, Inc., the Board declines the use of their services at this time. The motion was adopted.

Fee for Criminal History Background Check The Credentials Committee recommended setting the criminal history background check fee in the amount of sixty-five dollars (\$65), to include a forty-nine dollar (\$49) fee required by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation and a sixteen dollar (\$16) fee for administrative costs. The motion was adopted.

Amendments to Administrative Rules - 540-X-3, Certificate of Qualification / 540-X-5, Hearings and Appeals / 540-X-6, Conduct of Hearings / 540-X-7, Assistants to Physicians  
The Credentials Committee recommended adopting new and amended Administrative Rules in Chapters 540-X-3, 540-X-5, 540-X-6, and 540-X-7, as amended by the Committee, as emergency rules and filing the new and amended rules for publication for public comment in the Administrative Monthly. The motion was adopted.

Postgraduate Education Requirement for a License to Practice Medicine The Credentials Committee recommended deferring consideration of the postgraduate education requirement to allow staff to conduct further research. The motion was adopted.

Administrative Rule 540-X-8-.10, Functions and Activities of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners After consideration of a recommendation from the Joint Committee on Advanced Practice Nurses, the Credentials Committee recommended approval to amend subparagraph (5) as follows and file the rule for publication for public comment in the Administrative Monthly: A certified registered nurse practitioner may write admission orders

for inpatients as directed by the physician and subsequent orders in accordance with established protocols and institutional policies. The motion was adopted.

Administrative Rule 540-X-8-.24. Functions and Activities of Certified Nurse Midwives

After consideration of a recommendation from the Joint Committee on Advanced Practice Nurses, the Credentials Committee recommended approval to amend subparagraph (5) as follows and file the rule for publication for public comment in the Administrative Monthly: A certified nurse midwife may write admission orders for inpatients as directed by the physician and subsequent orders in accordance with established protocols and institutional policies. The motion was adopted.

HEARINGS

ABME Hearing Schedule The Credentials Committee recommended that the ABME Hearing Schedule be received as information. The motion was adopted.



Larry D. Dixon  
Executive Director



Kenneth W. Aldridge, M.D.  
Chairman