

**PUBLIC MINUTES
ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
November 19, 2008
11:30 a.m.**

19 South Jackson St.
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.
Richard M. Freeman, M.D.
J. Daniel Gifford, M.D.
William E. Goetter, M.D.
B. Jérôme Harrison, M.D.
David P. Herrick, 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

James G. Davis, M.D.

Others Present

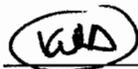
Billy Addison	David McGilvray
Jackie Baskin	Randy Moore
Larry Dixon	Ed Munson
Randy Dixon	Jim Nichols
Amy Dorminey	Edwin Rogers
Pat Enfinger	Trish Shaner
Jeff Grimsley	Anne Shiver
Jane Hartley	Cheryl Thomas
Jim Hulett	Hendon Blaylock
Stan Ingram	Deborah Winberry, PA

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.

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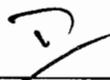

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PUBLIC MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2008 The Credentials Committee recommended

approval of the Public Minutes of October 15, 2008. The motion was adopted.

ENDORSEMENT

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endor. With</u>
1	Rishi Kumar Agarwal	Louisiana State Univ Sch Of Med New Orleans	USMLE/AL
2	Abby Morris Allen	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/AL
3	Daniel Joseph Allendorf	Univ Of Louisville School Of Med	USMLE/AL
4	Melanie Barnhart Backer	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
5	David Perry Brummett	Univ Of Kansas School Of Medicine	USMLE/NE
6	* Perrin Christopher Clark	Temple University School Of Medicine	USMLE/IN
7	Laurie Elizabeth Cochran	Mercer Univ School Of Med	USMLE/AL
8	David Ethan Cox	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/NC
9	* Jason Christian DiFusco	TULANE UNIV SCHOOL OF MED	USMLE
10	Chad David Elkin	Univ Of Mississippi School Of Medicine	USMLE/AL
11	Janelle Marie Fauci	Univ Of So Florida Coll Of Medicine	USMLE/AL
12	Marcus Stewart Fisher	Duke University School Of Medicine	FLEX/PA
13	Brian Dent Flanagan	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/AL
14	Qian Zhuang Fleming	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
15	Katherine Waldrop Grelle	Saba U Sch Med	USMLE/AL
16	* David Secundino Guerra	Louisiana State Univ Sch Of Med New Orleans	USMLE
17	James Scott Hartley	Univ Of Louisville School Of Med	NBME/KY
18	Shannon Christian Heinrich	Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine	NBOME
19	* Hannah Buchanan Hightower	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/AL
20	* Anthony Austin Holden	U Autonoma De Guadalajara/Northeastern OH U COM	NBME/AZ
21	Hesham Manzoor Hussain	Wake Forest University School of Medicine	USMLE
22	Eric Kimbell Judd	Louisiana State Univ Sch Of Med New Orleans	USMLE/AL
23	Margaret Kang	NY Med Col/Med College Of Virginia School Of Med	USMLE/NY
24	Manasi Subhash Kekan	Bharati Vidyapeeth's Medical College	USMLE
25	Christopher Brent Keller	Pikeville College School Of Osteo Med	NBOME
26	Karl Arthur Kuersteiner	University Of Texas Medical School At Houston	USMLE/VA
27	* Junyi Lei	Henan Medical University	USMLE/NY
28	Kierstin Cates Leslie	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/AL
29	William Edward Lievens	Univ Of Miami School Of Med	USMLE
30	Ronald Liu	Michigan State Univ Coll Human Medicine	USMLE/MI
31	Cecil Paul Major Jr.	Mercer Univ School Of Med	NBME/TN
32	* Nivedita Mankotia	Nilratan Sircar Med Coll Univ Of Calcutta	USMLE
33	Carrie Marquette	University Of Wisconsin Medical School	USMLE/AL
34	Laura Mason	Univ Of So Florida Coll Of Medicine	USMLE/AL
35	Jinel Moore-Scott	Howard Univ Coll Of Med	USMLE/NY
36	Diane R. Newton	Univ Of Calif San Francisco Sch Of Med	NBME/CA
37	Nipun Baleed Reddy	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/AL


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38	John William Scroggins Jr	Univ Of Texas Medical School At Galveston	USMLE/AL
39	* George Paul Shaughness	Uniformed Services Univ Of Health Sciences	NBME/FL
40	Lori Keith Taylor	Univ Of Michigan Medical School	NBME/GA
41	Kenyetta Richelle Wilson Terrell	Mayo Medical School	USMLE/AL
42	Scott Bailey Thompson	Univ Of Mississippi School Of Medicine	USMLE
43	Nowice Ann Trexler	University Of Texas Medical School At Houston	USMLE
44	Marc Edward Usrey	University Of Texas Medical School At Houston	USMLE/AL
45	Jason Robbins West	St. Matthews Medical University	USMLE/FL
46	* Kevin Jackson Whitley	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/AL
47	Matthew Wayne Backer	Univ Of Alabama School Of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
48	Robert Marcel Crescentini II	Florida State University	USMLE/AL
49	Sagar R. Desai	Government Medical College Baroda Univ	USMLE/CA
50	Sahar Abdul R. Fathallah-Shaykh	American University of Beirut	USMLE/IL
51	Stephen George Fox	Medical College Of Georgia School Of Med	USMLE/IN
52	Stuart Randall Gross	Uniformed Services Univ Of Health Sciences	USMLE/IN
53	John William Hultquist	University Of Texas Medical School	USMLE
54	Jeremiah Edward Mason	Univ Of So Florida Coll Of Medicine	USMLE
55	Shikha Mehta	Maulana Azad Med Coll Univ Of Delhi	USMLE
56	Clifton McPherson Worsham	Univ Of So AL College Of Medicine	NBME/MA

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of endorsement applicants one through fifty-six. The motion was adopted.

* Perrin Christopher Clark, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

* Jason Christian DiFusco, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended accepting the Voluntary Restriction on Certificate of Qualification to Practice Medicine and approving the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

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

* Hannah Buchanan Hightower, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

* Anthony Austin Holden, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

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

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

* George Paul Shaughness, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

* Kevin Jackson Whitley, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM LICENSE (RSVP)

2009 RSVP Certificate of Qualification Renewal Applicants

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>License #/Date</u>
1	Larry Grimes, M.D.	Etowah Co. Free Clinic	RSV-6 05/31/06
2	Hugh J. Hughes, M.D.	M-Power Ministries	RSV-11 02/07/08
3	James Williams Mathews, M.D.	Mercy Medical Clinic	RSV-4 01/01/06
4	Mark Michael Weinrib, M.D.	Med Outreach Ministries	RSV-3 01/04/06

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of RSVP License renewal applicants one through four. The motion was adopted.

LIMITED LICENSE

2009 Limited License Certificate of Qualification Renewal Applicants The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the 2009 Limited License renewal applicants.

Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation - State Institution License The Credentials Committee recommended that limited license physicians, Dr. Joseph C. Battaile, Dr. Romeo M. Gomez and Dr. Aurora P. Trabajo, be approved to practice within the confines of any state mental institution. The motion was adopted.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS / ADVANCE PRACTICE NURSES

P.A. License

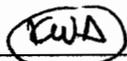
	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>NCCPA</u>
1	Mark Christopher George	Cuyahoga Community College	1041991

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the PA license applicant. The motion was adopted.

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Temporary P.A. License to Full License

	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>NCCPA</u>
1	Barbara C. Favreau	USAM	1082540
2	Jenny Patricia Hartz	Rocky Mountain College	1085264
3	Rebecca Marie McGrain	USAM	1083156
4	Mark Daniel Minton	USAM	1082542

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

P.A. Registration

Constance Lauren Baughman, PA / Russell Wayne Stevens, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the PA registration application including, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-three on the PA formulary, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Lindsay Manning Brown, PA / Douglas Neil Lurie, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Angela Renee Burckhardt, PA / Gerry M. Phillips, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Alison J. Clem, PA / David Adkinson, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application including the request to train the P.A. to perform intra articular injections. The motion was adopted.

Crystal D. Coker, PA / Neil Schamban, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Misti Charie Lipscomb, PA / Jere Michael Disney, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

James Lombardo, PA / Tony Arland White, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Phedra Lundi, PA / Rafael Manuel Contreras, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the PA registration application including, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-three on the PA formulary, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Lee Richardson Mackin, PA / Mark Shafer Siegel, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Kristopher Roy Maday, PA / Everitt Simmons, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Lesia Gaines Means, PA / Keisha Viel Gibson, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the PA registration application including remote site and, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-three on the PA formulary, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Ashley Prati, PA / Jennifer Keyes Ronderos, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the PA registration application including, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-three on the PA formulary, birth control drugs and devices. The Committee recommended deferring consideration of the request for additional duties. The motion was adopted.

Robin Risling-de Jong, PA / Donald B. Sanders, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the PA registration application including, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-three on the PA formulary, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Dana Simpson, PA / George Isaac Crawford, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the PA registration application including, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-three on the PA formulary, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Kathleen D. Strickland, PA / Shirley Eileen Jones, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the PA registration application including remote site and, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-three on the PA formulary, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Miscellaneous Requests / Reports

Jon Adams, PA / Peter Dichiaro, M.D. - Request approval of documentation of training to perform facial biopsies, arthrocentesis and joint injections The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the documentation of having trained the PA to perform facial biopsies, arthrocentesis and joint injections. The motion was adopted.

Adrian Boone, PA / Shankar Yalamanchili, M.D. - Request additional practice sites be added to original application The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the additional practice sites. The motion was adopted.

Sara Cook, PA / Joseph McGowin, M.D. - Request to train to perform joint injections and joint aspirations The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the request to train the PA to perform joint injections and joint aspirations. The motion was adopted.

Wendy Cornelius, PA / Stanley Lochridge, M.D. - Request consideration of additional skills The Credentials Committee recommended approval, with standard language approved by the Board, of the following requests: 1) to train the PA to perform arterial line placement including femoral, radial and brachial arterial lines (only with 18 gauge, or smaller diameter line, for the purpose of monitoring), and central venous line placement; 2) to perform endoscopic radial artery harvesting; 3) to train the PA to perform venous doppler to locate, map and measure varicose veins, incompetent valves and incompetent perforating valves for radiofrequency ablation procedures. The PA is approved to perform the venous doppler only, not to perform the radiofrequency ablation procedures; and 4) to train the PA to perform sclerotherapy with sodium tetradecyl sulfate at a concentration level not to exceed 0.5 percent, excluding use of the Dornier Laser. The Committee recommended denial of the following requests: 1) fascial closures for thoracotomy and sternotomy incisions; 2) placement of chest tubes for tension pneumothorax, symptomatic pleural effusions and hemothorax; and 3) venous ultrasound laser sclerotherapy with Dornier 940 laser. The Committee further recommended requesting a letter of clarification regarding the request to perform femoral venous/arterial cutdowns for femoral cannulation. The Committee recommended approval of the additional practice site. The motion was adopted.

Kate Gaston, PA / James Cross, M.D. - Request approval of documentation of training to perform CVL over-wires The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the documentation of having trained the PA to perform central venous lines over wire. The motion was adopted.

Jenny Hartz, PA / Samuel Goldstein, M.D. - Request consideration of formulary The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the PA formulary. The motion was adopted.

Leigh Hayden, PA / Gregory McGee, M.D. - Request to add practice site to original application The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the additional practice site. The motion was adopted.

Mary Johnsten, PA / Celeste Hollands, M.D. - Request consideration to train to perform additional duties The Credentials Committee recommended approval, with standard language approved by the Board, to train the PA to perform the following duties: 1) insertion of arterial and venous access lines; 2) percutaneous central line insertion; 3) removal of a foreign body only external to the superficial fascia; 4) removal of chest tubes; 5) biopsy, incision and drainage of superficial lesions; 6) drain placement and removal; 7) gastrostomy tube replacement or removal; 8) application of wound vacs; and 9) removal of tunneled central venous or dialysis catheters. The Committee recommended denial of the request to train the PA to perform emergent and non-emergent chest tube placement. The Committee further recommended requesting a letter of clarification regarding the request to perform needle aspiration and the request to repair central venous lines. The

motion was adopted.

Rebecca McGrain, PA / Kenneth Sherman, M.D. - Request consideration of formulary

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the PA formulary including, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-three, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Lesley Payne, PA / Erik Eways, M.D. - Request approval of documentation of training to supervise stress testing The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the documentation of having trained the PA to supervise stress testing. The motion was adopted.

Mitchell Willcutt, PA / John Harlan, M.D. - Request consideration of additional skills The Credentials Committee recommended approval, with language approved by the Board, to train the PA to perform arterial line placement, including femoral, radial and brachial arterial lines (only with 18 gauge, or smaller diameter line, for the purpose of monitoring), and central venous line placement. The Committee recommended denial of the request to train the PA to perform fascial closures for thoracotomy and sternotomy incisions and the request to train for placement of chest tubes for tension pneumothorax, symptomatic pleural effusions and hemothorax. The motion was adopted.

Richard Winters, PA / Jordan Weinberg, M.D. - Request approval of documentation of training to perform arterial line insertion The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the documentation of having trained the PA to perform arterial line insertion. The motion was adopted.

Delegation of Duties to Unlicensed Personnel The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the draft correspondence with modification to paragraph four by replacing the wording, "Level 1 delegate" with "Level 2 delegate." The motion was adopted.

Sclerotherapy The Credentials Committee recommended adoption of the following guidelines regarding sclerotherapy: PAs and CRNPs may use Sodium Tetradecyl Sulfate (Sotradecol) as a sclerosant under the following conditions: 1) A PA or CRNP may inject Sotradecol in either a foam or liquid form; 2) The concentration level of Sotradecol cannot exceed 0.5 percent; 3) Sotradecol cannot be used by a PA nor a CRNP at a remote site when a physician is not present. The physician must be on the premises and must have first examined the patient and prepared a plan of care and / or an assessment of the patient; however, the physician does not have to provide direct supervision by being physically present in the room when the procedure is being performed; 4) The supervising physician, PA and CRNP must have written documentation of adequate training to perform the procedure. The motion was adopted.

Joint Committee on Advanced Practice Nursing

Joint Committee Meeting - November 18, 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

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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-.25, Functions and Activities of a Physician Assistant / Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.28, Prescriptions and Medication Orders, PA The Credentials Committee recommended approving Administrative Rules 540-X-7-.25 and 540-X-7-.28 for final adoption. The motion was adopted.

DCH Health System - Ad Hoc Committee on Disruptive Physician Behavior The Credentials Committee recommended responding to Dr. Sudduth that the hospital should first enforce its bylaws and the physician be given due process. Should the hospital then find it necessary to file a formal complaint, with the Board of Medical Examiners, against a disruptive physician, the Board will then follow its established procedures, as allowed by its rules and regulations, to conduct an investigation and determine a disposition of the complaint. The motion was adopted.

Electronically / Digitally Signed Prescriptions for Non-Controlled Substances The Credentials Committee recommended responding to the Board of Pharmacy that it is the Board's opinion that it is acceptable for a physician to electronically sign and print a prescription for legend drugs. The Board opines that this electronic method is a safe and secure means of prescribing legend drugs. The motion was adopted.

Sunset Committee Report The Credentials Committee recommended receiving the Sunset Committee Report as information. The motion was adopted.

Vanderbilt Center for Professional Health - CME Courses for Physicians The Credentials Committee recommended receiving this item as information. 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