

**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**  
**December 16, 2009**  
**10:30 a.m.**

19 South Jackson  
Montgomery, AL

Members Present

Kenneth Aldridge, M.D., Chairman  
Richard M. Freeman, M.D., Vice-Chairman  
Jorge Alsip, M.D.  
James G. Davis, M.D.  
Steven P. Furr, M.D.  
J. Daniel Gifford, M.D.  
William E. Goetter, M.D.  
B. Jerome Harrison, M.D.  
David P. Herrick, M.D.  
Juan Johnson, M.D.  
John S. Meigs, Jr., 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

Others Present

Billy Addison  
Jackie Baskin  
Larry Dixon  
Randy Dixon  
Amy Dorminey  
Pat Enfinger  
Jeff Grimsley  
Jane Hartley

Stan Ingram  
Randy Moore  
Ed Munson  
Jim Nichols  
Edwin Rogers  
Trish Shaner  
Anne Shiver  
Cheryl Thomas

Susan Hansen  
Deborah Winberry

Board Chairman, Kenneth Aldridge, M.D., stated that, a quorum of fifteen members being present, the public portion of the meeting of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners was convened.

PUBLIC MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2009 The Credentials Committee

recommended that the Public Minutes of November 18, 2009, be approved. The motion was adopted.

ENDORSEMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endor. With</u>
1 John Francis Joseph Carroll	Temple University School of Medicine	USMLE/MD
2 Sunena Chhabra	UASOM Birmingham	USMLE
3 Petrenia Almeca Davis	Wayne State University School of Medicine	USMLE
4 Sarah Lindsay Prophet Frederick	UASOM Birmingham	USMLE/AL
5 Sarah B. Fulghum	UASOM Birmingham	USMLE/AL
6 Emily Frances Gorman	UASOM Birmingham	USMLE
7 Carl Wayne Hardin	U of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas	FLEX/UT
8 Franziska Huettner	Med Sch Friedrich Schiller Univ Of Jena	USMLE/IL
9 Jeffrey Franklin Jones	Indiana University School of Medicine Indianapolis	USMLE/CA
10 Charles Edward Kirkland II	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE/AL
11 Javier Ariel Laurini	Universidad Del Salvador	USMLE
12 Robert W. McDonald	UASOM Birmingham	USMLE/AL
13 * Dahlia Hilario McKinney	University of the Philippines	USMLE/CA
14 Gregory Schuyler Mims	Loma Linda University School Of Medicine	USMLE/PA
15 Susmitha Nimmagadda	Osmania Medical College	USMLE
16 James Leonard Nodler	Texas Tech UHealth Sciences Center SOM	USMLE/AL
17 Rachel Curvin Paisley	UASOM Birmingham	USMLE/AL
18 James Randall Patrinely	Vanderbilt University School of Medicine	FLEX/MD
19 Subhod Rao	International Medical & Technological University	USMLE
20 * Rodney Devin Rothstein	University of Oklahoma Health Science Center	USMLE/TN
21 Antonio Reeves Rozier	Boston University School of Medicine	USMLE
22 Kara Anne Sands	University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine	USMLE/AL
23 Akila Subramaniam	LA State University School of Medicine New Orleans	USMLE/AL
24 * Anozie Anthony Ukaonu	University of Nigeria College of Medicine	USMLE/SC
25 * LaTonya Wilder	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE/AL
26 Naeima Khalifa Beseikri	Al-Arab Medical University	LMCC/GA
27 William Wilson Boone	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE
28 Floyd Daniel Dunnavant	University of Tennessee Memphis College of Med	USMLE
29 John Michael Galla	University of Washington School of Medicine	USMLE/OH
30 Marek Janusz Grzeszczak	Wroclaw Medical University	FLEX/PA
31 Kent Kihyet Higdon	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE/TN
32 Thomas Dag Charles Horn	University of Virginia School of Medicine	USMLE/MD
33 Sara Marshall Kantrow	Vanderbilt University School of Medicine	USMLE/TN
34 Dinesh K. Karumanchi	Guntur Medical College Nagarjuna University	USMLE/OK
35 Mandana Mahmoodi	Tehran University of Medical Sciences	USMLE/PA
36 Corie Ann Noble	Mercer University School of Medicine	USMLE
37 Dennis Rocher O'Connor IV	George Washington Univ SOM and Health Sciences	USMLE/AL

38	Zenggang Pan	Peking Union Medical University	USMLE
39	Dilip Chhaganlal Patel	B J Medical College Gujarat University	FLEX/NY
40	Timothy Wayne Prestley	UASOM Birmingham	USMLE/AL
41	Carolyn Lucille Russo	Univrsity of California Los Angeles SOM	NBME/CA
42	John Douglas Shugrue	UASOM Birmingham	USMLE/AL
43	Jeffrey Andrew Simon	Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson Univ	USMLE/MD
44	John Emory Streitman	University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio	USMLE/TX
45	Erica Michelle Stringer	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE
46	Anuj Mohan Tewari	Mercer University School of Medicine	USMLE
47	Scott Arthur Westermeyer	East TN State University James H Quillen COM	FLEX/TN
48	Rebecca Boyd Whittemore	LA State University School of Medicine New Orleans	USMLE/LA
49	Justin Nilsson Duke	UASOM Birmingham	USMLE/AL
50	Magdi Tageldin	Wroclaw Medical University	USMLE

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

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM LICENSE (RSVP)

2010 RSVP Certificate of Qualification Renewal Applicants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>License #/Date</u>
Hugh Joseph Hughes, M.D.	M-Power Ministries	RSV-11 / 02/27/08

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

LIMITED LICENSE

Limited License Renewal Applicants

2010 Limited License Certificate of Qualification Renewal Applicants The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the 2010 Limited License Certificate of Qualification Renewal Applicants. The motion was adopted. The list of limited license renewal applicants shall be made a part of these Minutes and shall be attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

2010 Supplemental Limited License Certificate of Qualification Renewal Applicants The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the 2010 Supplemental Limited License Certificate of Qualification Renewal Applicants. The motion was adopted. The supplemental list of limited license renewal applicants shall be made a part of these Minutes and shall be attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS / ADVANCE PRACTICE NURSES

P.A. License

	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>NCCPA</u>
1	Michael Claude Bertagnolli, Jr.	UAB	1051844
2	Reiga Merve Luedemann	Trevecca Nazarene University	1089276
3	Amber Jean Parker	Kettering College of Medical Arts	1083917
4	Steven James Walter	USAM	1065175

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

Temporary P.A. License

	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>NCCPA</u>
1	Kara Lynn Caruthers	UAB	Registered for Exam
2	Anny Guthrie Dykes	UAB	Registered for Exam

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of Temporary P.A. License applicants one and two. The motion was adopted.

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

	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>NCCPA</u>
1	James P. Junkins	USAM	1086249
2	Kaci Marie Byrd	USAM	1086237

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of Temporary P.A. License to Full License applicants one and two. The motion was adopted.

**P.A. Registration**

Traci Renee Billingsley, PA / Linda Jean Jones, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Deborah J. Bonds, PA / Djiby Diop, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Teresa Lynn Henderson, PA / Joseph T. Sowder, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Teresa Lynn Henderson, PA / Heinz A. Dueffer, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Steven Phillip Laubenheimer, PA / Paul M. Muratta, M.D. Addt'l duties The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application including, with standard language previously approved by the Board, the request for the P.A. to fill and refill pain pumps. The motion was adopted.

James Anthony Lombardo, PA / Pjiby Diop, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Tresarae Lane Pate, PA / Gary Allen Calhoun, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application including, with standard language previously approved by the Board, number twenty-three on the P.A. formulary, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Regina D. Pruitt, PA / David Ray Faber, II, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

LeAllen Alexander, PA / John Mark McDonald, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application including, with standard language previously approved by the Board, number two on the P.A. formulary, anti-neoplastic agents. The motion was adopted.

Marlee Bruno, PA / Frederic MacArthur Jones, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

David Earl Bryan, PA / Matthew J. Reardon, M.D. Remote site The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application with remote site privileges. The motion was adopted.

Anny Guthrie Dykes, PA / Carol A. Leitner, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Reiga M. Luedemann, PA / Morris B. Seymour, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Darla Brittany Parker, PA / Amy M. Morris, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application including number thirty on the

P.A. formulary, Topicals. The motion was adopted.

Steven James Walter, PA / John Mark McDonald, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Carla Renee Fray, PA / William A. Gammill, D.O. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. formulary including, with standard language previously approved by the Board, number twenty-three on the P.A. formulary, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Kaci Byrd, PA / George A. Corbett, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

### **Miscellaneous Requests / Reports**

Lauren Palmer, PA / Milton Wallace, M.D. - Request consideration of documentation of training to perform joint injections The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the documentation of having trained the P.A. to perform joint injections. The motion was adopted.

Timothy Pace, PA / Albert Haas, M.D. - Request to train to perform joint injections The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the request to train the P.A. to perform joint injections. The motion was adopted.

Cyndi White - Request clarification of PA surgical site marking The Credentials Committee recommended notifying Ms. White that the hospital must comply with the regulations of the Joint Commission and that the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners is without jurisdiction to interpret or offer an advisory opinion regarding the Joint

Commission's regulations. The motion was adopted.

Charles Winfrey, PA / Donnette Bish, D.O. - Request additional practice site The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the request for the additional practice site. The motion was adopted.

Marcus Burns, PA / Gregory Thomas, M.D. - Request permission to train to perform endoscopic vein harvesting The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the request to train the P.A. to perform endoscopic vein harvesting. The motion was adopted.

Darron Forrest, PA / Christopher Jones, M.D. - Request permission to train to perform endoscopic vein harvesting The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the request to train the P.A. to perform endoscopic vein harvesting. The motion was adopted.

Paxton Johanson, PA / James Parker, PA - Request additional practice site The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the request for the additional practice site. The motion was adopted.

Howard Rubenstein, M.D. - Request consideration of prescribing course to meet 4 hour CME requirement for QACSC After consideration of a request from Dr. Rubenstein, a motion was made to notify Dr. Rubenstein that the submitted courses are not approved to meet the initial certification of four (4) AMA PRA Category 1™ credits or equivalent in advanced pharmacology and prescribing trends relating to controlled substances as required for the issuance of a QACSC.

A second motion was made that, in order to obtain the initial certification of four (4) AMA PRA Category 1™ credits or equivalent in advanced pharmacology and prescribing

trends, P.A.s shall be required to complete the course, *Practical Controlled Substance Pharmacology and Prescribing*. Courses, other than *Practical Controlled Substance Pharmacology and Prescribing*, may be submitted for Board approval to meet the biennial renewal requirement of four (4) AMA PRA Category 1 credits™ or equivalent regarding the prescribing of controlled substances. The motion was adopted.

Cindy Sampson, PA / Evan Cohen, M.D. - Request permission to train to perform endoscopic radial artery harvesting The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the request to train the P.A. to perform endoscopic radial artery harvesting. The motion was adopted.

Paige McDonald, CRNP / Steven Skinner, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended that the withdrawal of the request to remove foreign bodies be received as information. The motion was adopted.

### **Collaborative Practice Registration**

	<u>Physician</u>	<u>CRNP</u>
1	Vinita Yalamanchili, MD	Stacey Connor
2	Fredric Feist, MD	Donna Mae Cordes
3	Bryan L. Balentine, MD	Karen Faircloth
4	Howard E. McVeigh, MD	Monica Bussey
5	David Lozano, MD	Molleen Desai
6	Charles G. Fagan, MD	Jane Holston
7	Vinit K. Mahesh, MD	Jennifer Kozuch
8	Vickie Boggs, MD	Doris Little
9	Vinaya K. Yadla, MD	Desiree Washburn
10	Wallace J. Seay, Jr., MD	Desiree Washburn

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of Collaborative Practice

Registration applicants one through ten. The motion was adopted.

**Collaborative Practice Covering Physician Applicants**

Collaborative Practice Covering Physician Applicants The Credentials Committee recommended approval of Collaborative Practice Covering Physician applicants one through thirty-four. The motion was adopted. The list of Collaborative Practice Covering Physician applicants shall be made a part of these Minutes and shall be attached hereto as Exhibit "C."

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

Advanced Privilege Credentialing for Physician Assistants After consideration of a recommendation from the MASA Board of Censors regarding the proposal of the MASA Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Physician Practice, the Credentials Committee recommended that the Board adopt, as guidelines, the *Initial PA Privileges for Cardiac Surgical PAs* and the credentialing schedule set forth for each procedure, excluding the Advanced Level Procedure, placement of Medi-ports. The Committee further recommended that the Board adopt as standard procedure, for an additional job description request, the requirement that the PA and supervising physician shall request approval from the Board prior to training the PA to perform the procedures and, upon completion of training, shall submit, for Board approval, the initial credentialing documentation. Subsequent annual credentialing documentation shall be maintained by the PA and supervising physician for inspection by the Board upon the Board's request. The motion was adopted and the *Initial PA Privileges*

for Cardiac Surgical PAs and the credentialing schedule shall be made a part of these Minutes and shall be attached hereto as Exhibit "D."

ABME Employment Policy Manual The Credentials Committee recommended that the amendment to the ABME Employment Policy Manual concerning longevity pay be approved.

Continuing Medical Education Requirement for Military Physicians After consideration of a request for a reduction in the number of annual continuing medical education hours required for physicians on military deployment, the Credentials Committee recommended that an Administrative Rule be drafted and proposed to the Medical Licensure Commission which would waive the continuing medical education requirement for each calendar year in which a physician or PA is on military deployment. The motion was adopted.

Licensure Renewal Deadline Requirement for Military Physicians After consideration of a request to extend the renewal period for physicians on military deployment, the Credentials Committee recommended notifying Dr. Cosby that the licensure expiration date is set by statute and that the Board does not have discretion to extend the renewal period for any physician. The motion was adopted.

UAB Health System: Health for the Healer The Credentials Committee recommended that the correspondence and brochure be received as information. The motion was adopted.

UAB Student Code of Conduct The Credentials Committee recommended that the correspondence be received as information. The motion was adopted.

Fees for Limited License and Limited ACSC The Credentials Committee recommended

deferring consideration of this item pending further research by staff. The motion was adopted.

Comments Regarding Proposed ABN Administrative Code The Credentials Committee recommended that the correspondence be received as information. The motion was adopted.

Post-graduate Education Requirement for Licensure A motion was made to defer action on this item and reconsider it at the January meeting following submission of any comments from Board members to the legal staff. The motion was adopted.

Alabama Physician Health Program 2010 Annual Contract The Credentials Committee recommended that the APHP 2010 Annual Contract be approved. The motion was adopted.

Medical Association of the State of Alabama 2010 Contract for Education Services The Credentials Committee recommended that the MASA 2010 Contract for Education Services be approved. The motion was adopted.

Medical Foundation of Alabama 2010 Contract for Education Services The Credentials Committee recommended that the Medical Foundation of Alabama 2010 Contract for Education Services be approved. 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