



# Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

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## Minutes

**Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

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A regular meeting of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 in the Boardroom of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, located at 5615 Corporate Blvd., Suite 8-E, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

*1. Call to Order*

Mr. Carl Aron, President, called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

*2. Invocation & Pledge*

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. Brian Bond, and he delivered the invocation. Ms. Jacqueline Hall then led the group in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

*3. Quorum Call*

Mr. Aron called upon the Secretary, Dr. Reuben Dixon, to call the roll.

**Members Present:**

Mr. Joseph L. Adams  
Ms. Michele P. Alderman  
Dr. Lois R. Anderson  
Ms. Patsy L. Angelle  
Mr. Carl W. Aron  
Mr. Brian A. Bond  
Mr. J. Douglas Boudreaux  
Mr. Allen W. Cassidy, Jr.  
Dr. Reuben R. Dixon  
Mr. Joseph V. Greco  
Ms. Jacqueline L. Hall  
Mr. Larry J. Lantier, Jr.  
Mr. Marty R. McKay  
Mr. Fred H. Mills, Jr.  
Mr. Richard J. Oubre  
Mr. T. Morris Rabb

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Alvin A. Haynes, Jr.

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Malcolm J. Broussard, Executive Director  
Mr. Carlos M. Finalet, III, General Counsel  
Ms. Kathleen V. Gaudet, Chief Compliance Officer  
Mr. Stephen L. Collins, Compliance Officer  
Mr. Melvin J. Fontenot, Compliance Officer  
Mr. Huey J. Savoie, Compliance Officer

**Staff Absent:**

Mr. Rayland M. Trisler, Compliance Officer

**Guests:**

Dr. Lamar Pritchard – Dean, ULM College of Pharmacy  
Dr. Gregory Leader – Associate Dean, ULM College of Pharmacy  
Dr. Wayne Harris – Dean, Xavier College of Pharmacy  
Dr. William Kerchain – DCAS Chair, Xavier College of Pharmacy

Dr. Dixon certified that a quorum of the Board was present.

*4. Call for Additional Agenda Items*

Mr. Aron asked if there were any additional agenda items; none were offered.

Mr. Aron then requested authority from the Board to reorder the agenda as necessary for the purpose of adjusting the sequence of various reports. With no objections offered, Mr. Aron indicated he would exercise that authority only as necessary.

*5. Consideration of Minutes*

Mr. Aron reminded the Board members they had received the draft minutes from the last meeting in their advance-meeting packet; he then requested any amendments. Hearing no corrections, Mr. Cassidy moved and Mr. Bond seconded,

**Resolved**, that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 17, 2005 and the Administrative Hearing of August 18, 2005, both held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. Dr. Dixon reminded the members to sign the Minute Book.

*6. Report on Action Items*

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. Broussard for his report. Mr. Broussard indicated there were no action items from the preceding Board meeting.

*7. Confirmation of Acts*

At the request of Mr. Aron, Mr. Oubre moved and Ms. Alderman seconded,

**Resolved**, that the actions taken and decisions made by the Board officers, Board committees, and Executive Director in the general conduct and transactions of Board business since August 18, 2005 are approved, adopted, and ratified by the entire Board.

The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*8. Opportunity for Public Comment*

Mr. Aron informed the Board and guests that the Open Meetings Law requires all public bodies to provide an opportunity for public comment at all meetings. He solicited general comments from the guests present, but none were offered.

*9. Election of Officers*

Mr. Aron initiated the annual election of officers by indicating the process would be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order* and the *Open Meetings Law*. Mr. Mills raised a point of order, inquiring whether a motion to nominate all the current

officers, *in globo*, would be in order. Mr. Finalet offered an opinion in the affirmative, but suggested the inclusion of specific names. Mr. Mills then moved and Mr. Oubre seconded,

**Resolved**, to nominate Mr. Carl Aron for the office of President, Mr. Morris Rabb for the office of First Vice President, Mr. Marty McKay for the office of Second Vice President, Mr. Joseph Adams for the office of Third Vice President, and Dr. Reuben Dixon for the office of Secretary.

The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. Mr. Greco then moved and Mr. Bond seconded,

**Resolved**, to elect all aforementioned nominees by acclamation.

The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. Mr. Aron expressed his appreciation to the other officers and all the members for their support during the past year.

At this point, Mr. Aron re-ordered the agenda to accommodate certain guests who had requested an opportunity to address the Board.

#### *14. Proposal to Restructure Practical Experience of Pharmacy Interns*

Mr. Aron informed the members that the deans from both colleges of pharmacy had requested an opportunity to address the Board about their concerns over the impact certain regulations were having on pharmacy interns. He then introduced Dr. Pritchard and Dr. Harris.

Dr. Pritchard informed the Board there were only six pharmacy residency programs in the state and then discussed the ramifications of the absence of such programs on the pharmacy educational community as well as the pharmacy profession in the state. He identified a barrier that existed in the Board's regulations, specifically the requirement that rotation programs contain specific numbers of hours of practical experience in both community and hospital pharmacy settings. While residency applicants from Louisiana schools do not have difficulty with that requirement, he indicated that most applicants from schools in other states cannot meet those requirements and therefore cannot achieve licensure in a timely manner. He stated his understanding of the original rationale for that particular requirement, and he then discussed the recent curricular changes at his institution designed to increase the competency of new graduates to function in contemporary practice settings. He then sought to impress the members with the urgency of the situation by discussing the impact of the recent hurricanes on the school's budget, the loss of 40% of their academic rotation sites, and the urgent need for pharmacy residents.

Dr. Harris informed the Board of the devastation from Hurricane Katrina on Xavier's campus. He reviewed the actions taken to date to stabilize the student's academic affairs, e.g., placing all P-4 students into rotation programs in 18 schools across the country. He informed the members that while the schools could absorb his interns, they could not modify their curricular design to accommodate the Board's regulation governing practical experience for interns. He requested the Board to address that issue as soon as possible.

Mr. Aron reminded the members that the Board referred this matter to the Regulation Revision Committee during their last meeting. Due to the urgent nature of

the situations described by the two deans, Mr. Aron recalled the matter from the committee and placed the matter on the floor for discussion. Following substantial review of the issue and options, Mr. McKay moved and Mr. Bond seconded,

**Resolved**, that the Board finds the regulatory restriction on the nature of practical experience earned by pharmacy interns during their academic rotation programs will adversely affect Louisiana pharmacy interns displaced to other states subsequent to Hurricane Katrina, and will continue to adversely affect pharmacy residency applicants from other states; and further, said restriction will prevent the timely licensure of graduates from Louisiana and other states, thus aggravating a pre-existing shortage of pharmacists in this state; and further, the Board determines that an emergency rule is necessary to prevent imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare; and further, the Board directs the Executive Director to file a Notice of Emergency Rule to amend LAC 46:LIII.705.C.1.b, to wit:

- b. The intern shall earn a minimum credit of 1,000 hours within the board approved college of pharmacy's professional experience curriculum; ~~and further, of the 1,000 hours within that professional experience curriculum, not less than 300 hours shall be earned in a traditional community pharmacy dispensing practice, and not less than 300 hours shall be earned in a traditional hospital pharmacy dispensing practice,~~ as certified by the dean of the college of pharmacy.

and further, the Board directs the Executive Director to simultaneously file a Notice of Intent to amend the same rule in the same manner.

The motion was approved after a unanimous roll call vote in the affirmative.

At this point, Mr. Aron returned to the sequence of the posted agenda.

## 10. Committee Reports

### A. Finance Committee

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. Mills for the committee report. Mr. Mills directed the members to the various reports in their meeting packet:

- Statement of Assets, Liabilities, & Equity for September 30, 2005
- Interim Budget Performance Report for September 30, 2005
- Summary of Fund Balance for September 30, 2005
- Hancock Bank Investment Account for September 30, 2005
- Budget Worksheet for Fiscal Year 2006-2007
- Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Mr. Mills reviewed all the reports and relayed the committee's recommendations from their meeting the previous day. He answered all the questions from members. Hearing no further questions, Mr. Mills moved and Ms. Angelle seconded,

**Resolved**, the Board approves the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 as reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee.

The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. Finally,

Mr. Mills expressed his appreciation to the other members of his committee for their work the previous day.

*B. Examination/Technician Committee*

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. Oubre for the committee report. Mr. Oubre noted the committee had not met since the last Board meeting. Mr. Broussard informed the members that the documents normally printed and circulated in the meeting packet were electronically available via video projector. He then reviewed those reports with the members. The members requested the ability to review those documents on the Board's website.

Finally, Mr. Oubre expressed his appreciation for the efforts of his committee members.

*C. Reciprocity Committee*

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. McKay for the committee report. Mr. McKay moved and Mr. Oubre seconded to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the professional competency of one of the reciprocity applicants. The motion was approved after a unanimous roll call vote in the affirmative.

It was noted the Board entered into executive session at 2:35 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:45 p.m.

Mr. McKay reported that 17 candidates had been approved since the last Board meeting in accordance with committee policies and procedures previously approved by the Board. He reported the committee interviewed 14 candidates earlier that day. He then moved and Dr. Dixon seconded,

**Resolved**, that the Board approve

Jessica Joy Boschee  
Steven Thomas Boyd  
David Scott Cornwell  
Allen Richard Fazekas  
Lance Garrett Fontenot  
Esfandiar Khosaravi  
Christopher Larry Ned Larson  
Kwei Kuen Leong  
Russelene Lewis  
Jon Christopher Meilinger  
Waldo Roy Roth  
Beth O'Hara Sweeney  
Warren Christopher Williams, *and*  
Carolyn Sue Wood

for pharmacist licensure by reciprocity.

The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. Mr. McKay then reported on another candidate he had interviewed the previous day. He then moved and Mr. Lantier seconded.

**Resolved**, to approve the issuance of a license by reciprocity to

Charles Patrick Stachowiak, conditioned upon his acceptance and execution of a voluntary consent agreement that would place his newly-issued license on probation for a one year period.

The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Finally, Mr. McKay thanked the members of his committee for their work.

*D. Regulation Revision Committee*

Mr. Aron called upon Dr. Anderson for the committee report. She reported the committee had not since the last Board meeting, due to the hurricanes. She reviewed the topics still remaining on the committee agenda, and announced the next meeting would be held on January 5, 2006.

*E. Reinstatement Committee*

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. Adams for the committee report. Mr. Adams then presented the following files for Board action.

**Stephanie Marie Nieberlein (Technician Certificate No. 1394)** Mr. Adams moved and Mr. Lantier seconded to grant the request for reinstatement of the lapsed certificate. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board ordered the reinstatement of the certificate.

**Carl Edward Nelson (Pharmacist License No. 14689)** Mr. Adams moved and Mr. McKay seconded to grant the request for reinstatement of the lapsed license. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board ordered the reinstatement of the license.

**Richard Wayne Ward (Pharmacist License No. 11195)** Mr. Adams moved and Mr. Greco seconded to deny the request for reinstatement of the lapsed license, and further to condition any future application for reinstatement upon the successful completion of certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board denied the request for reinstatement, and further, conditioned the acceptance of any future application for reinstatement upon the successful completion of certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement.

**Carlton Ireneaus Isidore Charles (Pharmacist License No. 11135)** Mr. Adams moved and Mr. Oubre seconded to grant the request for reinstatement of the suspended license, contingent upon the successful completion of certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement, and further, to immediately suspend the reinstated license, stay the execution of said suspension, and then place the reinstated license on probation, beginning on the date of reinstatement and terminating on September 6, 2010, subject to certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board ordered the reinstatement of the license, contingent upon the successful completion of certain terms, and further, ordered the immediate suspension of the reinstated

license, stayed the execution of said suspension, and then ordered the placement of the reinstated license on probation for a period of time to commence with the date of reinstatement and ending on September 6, 2010, subject to certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement.

**Sharon Cockerham Corley (Technician Certificate No. 2090)** Mr. Adams moved and Ms. Alderman seconded to grant the request for reinstatement of the lapsed certificate, contingent upon the successful completion of certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board ordered the reinstatement of the certificate, contingent upon the successful completion of certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement.

Finally, Mr. Adams expressed his appreciation to his fellow committee members for their work earlier that day.

*F. Violations Committee*

Mr. Aron called upon Dr. Dixon for the committee report. Dr. Dixon reported that the Informal Conference scheduled for August 29-30 was cancelled due to Hurricane Katrina. He announced the date for the next Informal Conference on December 12-13; that docket includes 12 pharmacists, 7 technicians, 6 technician candidates, and 10 permits. He then reported there would be no administrative hearing the following day due to the cancellation of the Informal Conference in August; however, there were some consent agreements negotiated by staff in accordance with policies and procedures previously approved by the Board, and those items would be presented for action later that day.

*G. Impairment Committee*

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. Rabb for the committee report. Mr. Rabb reported the committee met the previous day to consider the voluntary surrender of one pharmacist license, four requests for reinstatement from one intern and three pharmacists, one request for probation modification from a pharmacist, as well as one request for guidance from a pharmacist. He then presented the following files for Board action.

**Aurdie Kent Bellard (Pharmacist License No. 14340)** Mr. Rabb moved and Mr. Lantier seconded to accept the voluntary surrender of the license. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote. The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the license, resulting in the suspension of the license for an indefinite period of time, effective November 8, 2005.

**Roy Kirk Fisher, Jr. (Intern Registration No. 41805)** Mr. Rabb moved and Mr. Oubre seconded to grant the request for reinstatement of the registration, then suspend the registration and any subsequent license for seven years, stay the execution thereof, and then place the registration and any subsequent license on probation for seven years, beginning November 9,

2005, subject to certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board reinstated the registration, suspended the registration and any subsequent license for seven years, stayed the execution thereof, and then placed the registration and any subsequent license on probation for seven years, beginning November 9, 2005, subject to certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement.

**Reynold James Serrette (Pharmacist License No. 14945)** Mr. Rabb moved and Mr. Oubre seconded to grant the request for reinstatement, then suspend the license for five years, stay the execution thereof, and then place the license on probation for five years, beginning on November 9, 2005, subject to certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board reinstated the license, suspended the license for five years, stayed the execution thereof, and then placed the license on probation for five years, beginning on November 9, 2005, subject to certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement.

**Ronald Yancy LaFitte (Pharmacist License No. 10882)** Mr. Rabb moved and Dr. Dixon seconded to grant the request for reinstatement, then suspend the license for five years, stay the execution thereof, and then place the license on probation for five years, beginning November 9, 2005, subject to certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board reinstated the license, suspended it for five years, stayed the execution thereof, and then placed the license on probation for five years, beginning on November 9, 2005, subject to certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement.

**Michael Lionell Orphey (Pharmacist License No. 16243)** Mr. Rabb moved and Mr. Lantier seconded to grant the request for reinstatement, then suspend the license for five years, stay the execution thereof, and then place the license on probation for five years, beginning on November 9, 2005, subject to certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board reinstated the license, suspended it for five years, stayed the execution thereof, and then placed the license on probation for five years, beginning on November 9, 2005, subject to certain terms as enumerated in the consent agreement.

**Jason Conrad Dove (Pharmacist License No. 15811)** Mr. Rabb moved and Mr. Bond seconded to grant the request for probation modification by extending the deadline for the acquisition of updated practical experience to September 1, 2006. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board modified its August 17, 2005 Probation Order by extending the deadline for the acquisition of the updated practical experience to September 1, 2006.

**Joseph Todd Plauche (Pharmacist License No. 15534)** Mr. Rabb moved and Mr. Oubre seconded to accept the voluntary consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Finally, Mr. Rabb expressed his appreciation to his committee members for their ongoing efforts.

*H. Tripartite Committee*

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. Lantier for the committee report. Mr. Lantier indicated the committee had not met since the last Board meeting, and the next meeting date had not yet been set.

*I. Legislative Committee*

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. Bond for the committee report. He directed the members to the updated legislative report in the electronic meeting packet. He responded to questions from the members.

*J. Executive Committee*

Mr. Aron reported that his committee had met the previous day to review committee and administrative operations, as well as the special operations conducted in the office since the arrival of Hurricane Katrina. Finally, he indicated the salary structure for the compliance officers had been referred to the Finance Committee for their review and recommendations.

*11. Report of Chief Compliance Officer*

Mr. Aron called upon Ms. Gaudet for her report. She acknowledged the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the pharmacies in those affected areas, and then reported that the compliance officers were monitoring those pharmacies severely affected by the storms, as well as their recovery efforts.

*12. Report of General Counsel*

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. Finalet for his report. Mr. Finalet presented the following files for Board action.

**Jessica Faye Fontenot (Technician Certificate No. 6581)** Dr. Dixon moved and Dr. Anderson seconded to accept the voluntary consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**Tabatha Leanne Hammock (Technician Certificate No. 5859)** Dr. Dixon moved and Ms. Alderman seconded to accept the voluntary consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board revoked the certificate, and further, prohibited any future application for any credential.

**Shaina D. Wade (Technician Certificate No. 3565)** Dr. Dixon moved and Mr.

McKay seconded to accept the voluntary consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board revoked the certificate, and further, prohibited any future application for any credential.

**Pulmo Dose Pharmacy (Pharmacy Permit No. 3310)** Dr. Dixon moved and Mr. Oubre seconded to accept the voluntary consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board issued a Letter of Warning to the permit holder, and further, assessed the permit holder \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

**Essential Pharmacy Compounding (Pharmacy Permit No. 4932)** Dr. Dixon moved and Mr. Cassidy seconded to accept the voluntary consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board issued a Letter of Warning to the permit holder, and further, assessed the permit holder \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

**CVS Procare Pharmacy No. 2909 (Pharmacy Permit No. 4542)** Dr. Dixon moved and Mr. Oubre seconded to accept the voluntary consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board issued a Letter of Reprimand to the permit holder, and further, assessed the permit holder \$10,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

**Walgreen Mail Service (Pharmacy Permit No. 5322)** Dr. Dixon moved and Mr. Cassidy seconded to accept the voluntary consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board issued a Letter of Warning to the permit holder, and further, assessed the permit holder \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

**Kronos Pharmacy (Pharmacy Permit No. 4458)** Dr. Dixon moved and Ms. Alderman seconded to accept the voluntary consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board issued a Letter of Warning to the permit holder, and further, assessed the permit holder \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

**McGuff Compounding Pharmacy (Pharmacy Permit No. 4491)** Dr. Dixon moved and Mr. Cassidy seconded to accept the voluntary consent agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board issued a Letter of Warning to the permit holder, and further, assessed the permit holder \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

**Gary Charles Richardson (Pharmacist License No. 10910)** Dr. Dixon moved and Mr. Lantier seconded to accept the voluntary surrender of the license. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the license, resulting in the suspension of the license for an indefinite period of time, effective November 9, 2005.

**Medicap Pharmacy No. 338 (Pharmacy Permit No. 5253)** Dr. Dixon moved

and Mr. Lantier seconded to accept the voluntary surrender of the permit. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the permit, resulting in the suspension of the permit for an indefinite period of time, effective November 9, 2005.

**Medicap Pharmacy of Slidell (Pharmacy Permit No. 5330)** Dr. Dixon moved and Mr. Lantier seconded to accept the voluntary surrender of the permit. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the permit, resulting in the suspension of the permit for an indefinite period of time, effective November 9, 2005.

**Jeanine Rodgers Kidd (Technician Certificate No. 4023)** Dr. Dixon moved and Mr. Boudreaux accepted to accept the voluntary surrender of the certificate. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the certificate, resulting in the suspension of the certificate for an indefinite period of time, effective September 8, 2005.

**Advanced Pharmacy of Monroe (Pharmacy Permit No. 5565)** Dr. Dixon moved and Mr. Oubre seconded to accept the voluntary surrender of the permit. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the permit, resulting in the suspension of the permit for an indefinite period of time, effective September 30, 2005.

**Lynn M. Murphy (Technician Certificate No. 4040)** Dr. Dixon moved and Mr. Oubre seconded to accept the voluntary surrender of the certificate. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the certificate, resulting in the suspension of the certificate for an indefinite period of time, effective September 8, 2005.

### *13. Report of Executive Director*

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. Broussard for his report. He opened his report by reviewing his attendance at various conferences since the last Board meeting, notably MALTAGON, NABP District VI, NASCSA (National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities), and ASPMP (Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs). He then directed the members to the census report, which was included in the electronic meeting packet. Finally, he reminded the Board they had approved an annex to the office lease, along with new additional staffing to be housed in the annex. While staff was preparing the lease request for the Division of Administration, Hurricane Katrina visited the state. Before staff could obtain state approval, the landlord leased the space to another tenant. Since the tenant intended to return to New Orleans, staff indicated they would pursue the lease as soon as the space became available.

### *15. Special Report on Disaster Response*

Mr. Aron called upon Mr. Mills to begin the report. Mr. Mills described how the Dept. of Health and Hospitals requested the Board's assistance immediately following

Hurricane Katrina, as well as the Board's response through the establishment of an emergency operations center for the Pharmacy Dept. of the Office of Public Health (OPH) in the Boardroom. He then described the implementation of the Hurricane Katrina/Rita Pharmacy Relief Fund, as well as the Board's role as a fiscal intermediary in the project.

Mr. Broussard provided additional information about the staff's participation in the OPH emergency operations center in the Boardroom. He then reviewed different administrative decisions he made, including waivers from certain rules and regulations. He then introduced a visual presentation that used mapping software to illustrate the impact of both hurricanes on pharmacies in southeast and southwest Louisiana. Finally, he directed their attention to summary data in their meeting packet.

Ms. Angelle then provided additional information about pharmacy activities in hurricane shelters. She closed with a request that the Board generate a thank-you letter to all the volunteers associated with the relief activities. Some of the members suggested the letter might be more appropriate coming from either the Secretary of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals or even the Governor's office.

#### *16. Announcements*

Mr. Broussard reminded the Board members of several calendar notes, and alerted them to the calendar in their meeting packet.

#### *17. Adjourn*

Mr. Bond moved and Ms. Alderman seconded to adjourn. With no further business before it, Mr. Aron adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reuben R. Dixon, Pharm.D.  
Secretary