

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130
General Correspondence Address: Post Office Box 30250, New Orleans, LA 70190-0250
www.lsbme.org



Telephone: (504) 568-6820
FAX: (504) 568-8893
Writer's Direct Dial:

Ext. _____

----- X

In The Matter Of

CHARLES PRESTON LUTES

(Respondent)

:
:
:
:
:

**06-I-172
CONSENT
ORDER**

----- X

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), following receipt of information contained in an application for licensure in which Charles Preston Lutes acknowledged that he had performed the duties of Athletic Trainer for the Green Clinic in Ruston, Louisiana since 2001.

The facts of this case reveal that Mr. Lutes submitted an application for licensure as an Athletic Trainer in January, 2003. Based upon the fact that he had failed the national certifying examination on four occasions, his application was denied. Upon further review however, the Board agree to accept a passing score on the Louisiana Athletic Trainer Certifying exam as meeting the requirements for passing a certifying examination. He was advised of this decision by letter in December 2003, and was advised to take the examination scheduled for June 2004. Mr. Lutes successfully passed this exam and was therefore qualified for licensure in July 2004. However, despite deficiency notices, his application was not complete, and therefore was not presented to Board for approval until January 2006.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to Kim LeBlanc, M.D., President of the Board. Dr. LeBlanc's review and analysis of the matter confirms to his satisfaction that just cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Mr. Lutes, charging him with practicing without an Athletic Trainer License.

With respect to the incident giving rise to this investigation. Mr. Lutes stated that his understanding of the correspondence from the Board from December 2003 had granted him licensure upon his successful passage of the Louisiana Athletic Trainer Certifying Examination. He now recognizes his error and acknowledges his responsibility to understand and comply with all rules and regulations regarding licensure in this state.

Based upon the information provided, accordingly, and upon the recommendation of the investigating Officer assigned to this matter, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to

insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that **Charles Preston Lutes** is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order that Mr. Lutes shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of One Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$100.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Mr. Lutes shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 19th day of June 2006.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY:

Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.
President

*Acknowledgment and Consent
on Following Page*

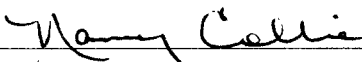
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH/COUNTY OF LINCOLN

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT

I, **CHARLES PRESTON LUTES.**, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent
to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 6th day of June, 2006.


Charles Preston Lutes

WITNESSES:


Signature

Nancy Collic
Typed Name

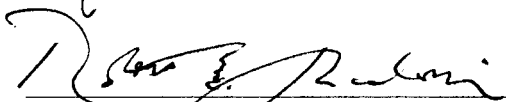
207 W. Alabama Ave.
Address Ruston, LA 71270


Signature

Cheryl J. Anderson
Typed Name

207 W. Alabama Ave.
Address Ruston, LA 71270

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Ruston Louisiana, this 6th day
of June 2006, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public

Print name ROBERT E. SHADOW

Bar/Notary No.: 11961