

MINUTES

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: March 21, 2014
APPROVED: April 25, 2014

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:30 a.m., **Friday, March 21, 2014**, at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett, Jessica Brown, Phil Griffin; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Dr. Jesse Lambert and Dr. Michelle Carroll were also present for the public hour.

Dr. Burnett moved to accept the March 21, 2014 agenda. Motion passed without opposition.

Dr. Burnett moved that the minutes of February 21, 2014 and March 7, 2014 be accepted with minor corrections. Motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Brown-yay and Griffin-yay.

Pursuant to **LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4)**, Dr. Culross moved to enter Executive Session to review legal matters, conduct oral exams and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Brown –yay and Griffin-yay.

Dr. Culross moved to close Executive Session to enter the following:

Oral Examinations: Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh was scheduled to meet with the Board for reciprocity licensure. The meeting was canceled at her request.

Brooke Barbera Cole, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant **Dr. Cole** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously by majority vote of the board. Dr. Brown recused herself from the examination and vote.

Megan Brown-Shafferman, Psy.D. appeared before the full Board for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant **Dr. Brown-Shafferman** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Allison Asher, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination in School Psychology. Dr. Brown moved that the Board grant **Dr. Asher** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in School Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Patricia Cornelious, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant **Dr. Cornelious** a license to practice psychology

with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

Dr. Brown reviewed the application for licensure files of Michael Hirschel, Ph.D., Urmi Jani, Psy.D. and Jennifer Longwell, Ph.D. Dr. Brown moved to officially approve their candidacy status and invite them to take oral examinations. The Board discussed the files and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Brown reviewed the reinstatement application of Carole Brunner, Psy.D. After a thorough review of the application and continuing education hours, Dr. Brown moved to reinstate Dr. Brunner's license. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Brown-yay, Griffin-yay.

Dr. Burnett reviewed the special request for consideration from Mary Ellen Matthews, Ph.D. Dr. Matthews requested that the Board accept her post doc hours and internship hours on forms other than those required by the Board. The Board discussed the request. Dr. Burnett moved to accept the post doc hours but require proof that the internship hours were APA approved. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Brown-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and recommended acceptance of the Supervised Practice Plan of Andrea LaPlate, Psy.D. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the criminal background report of Sherri Lyn Transier. Dr. Zimmermann moved to request additional information. The Board discussed the motion carefully. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the criminal background report of John Blaze, Ph.D. Dr. Zimmermann moved to request additional information. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Culross opened the meeting for Public Hour at 1:05 p.m.

Dr. Griffin moved to move the agenda out of order and to discuss the Request for Guidance from Dr. Michelle Carroll since she was present for the meeting. The motion passed by full vote of the Board. No opposition.

Request for Guidance – Dr. Michelle Carroll: The Board reviewed materials submitted by Dr. Michelle Carroll and a group of psychologists regarding concerns over policies at the VA regarding requiring psychologists to perform pat downs. Dr. Carroll was present to answer questions for the Board. Dr. Zimmermann and Dr. Burnett agreed to research the issues further.

Dr. Griffin left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Parker informed the Board that the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board agreed to pay 15.39% of the shared costs through July 31, 2014. The agreement was executed by both Dr. Culross and Emily Bellaci, Chair of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board. .

Oral Examination Committee: Ms. Parker reported that Dr. Lambert offered to provide a sample forensic vignette for review. No other report was given.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: No new report.

Legislative Oversight Committee: The Board reviewed the engrossed versions of SB157 by Senator Martiny for the provisional licensure of psychologists and SB128 by Senator Martiny for the licensure of school specialists. Ms. Parker reported that both bills were reported favorably to the House by the Senate floor.

Ms. Parker supplied HB911 by Representative Walt Leger for Board review. Ms. Parker noted that this bill was not reviewed at the special legislative meeting. The Board reviewed HB911 and discussed same. The Board also discussed the status of HB15 by Rep James; HB215 by Rep Richard; HB634 by Rep S. Bishop, SB121 by Sen. Morrell and SB539 by Sen. Nevers.

Ms. Parker reported to the Board regarding the meeting with Sen. Nevers and other Board representatives and associations regarding SB539. SB539 would mandate required CE related to suicide. Ms. Parker reported that the majority of the representatives were sympathetic to the cause but against the mandate. She reported that Sen. Nevers was going to explore the possibility of having DHH offer the training but not mandate it.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: The Board discussed ongoing issues with the current LPA election process. The Board agreed that sending emails on behalf of LPA could potentially blur boundaries and be confusing.

The Board also reviewed communication from Dr. Fanning on behalf of LPA canceling the LPA/LSBEP election agreement. LPA noted that they would be willing to serve on a joint task force with LSBEP to establish a new procedure. The Board discussed the election issue. Dr. Culross moved to acknowledge the notice from LPA but advise LPA that a joint task force would not be necessary. The Board discussed the motion carefully. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay and Brown-yay, Griffin was absent. The motion passed by majority vote of the Board.

Ms. Parker presented the Board with the agenda for her upcoming ASPPB Exam Coordination Committee meeting. In particular, Ms. Parker inquired regarding the Board's preference on the DSMV v. ICD-9. Dr. Zimmermann commented that for billing purposes, professionals will need to know both methods.

Continuing Education: The Board reviewed Correspondence from Barry Schwartz, Ph.D. Dr. Culross moved to write a letter to Dr. Schwartz to thank him for his comments. The motion passed by full vote of the Board.

Complaints Committee: No new report.

Long Range Planning Meeting: Dr. Burnett noted that the LSBEP elections would need to be added to the LRP meeting.

Telepsychology Workgroup: Ms. Parker reported that Dr. Griffin was working to organize an upcoming meeting.

LBAB Liaison Report: Dr. Zimmermann reported as the LBAB ex-officio member. Dr. Zimmermann reported that a LBAB member had concerns about the 15.39% cost, but that the majority of the Board were working very well together.

Discussion Items:

1. **Request for Guidance – Jonathan Jarrett, Esq.:** The Board reviewed communication received from Jonathan Jarrett, Esquire on behalf of David Greenway, Ph.D. Mr. Jarrett inquired about malpractice insurance and record retention. The Board directed Ms. Parker to respond to Mr. Jarrett via a phone call and in writing.

Dr. Culross moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m.