

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
LICENSED SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 9, 2023

FINAL APPROVED June 7, 2023

The meeting of the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Advisory Committee [herein Committee] of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists [Board] was noticed and the agenda was posted Wednesday March 8, 2023. Dr. George Hebert called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 1:50 p.m. at **LSU Health Sciences Center, 411 South Priour Street, ROOM HDC 128, New Orleans, LA 70112**. Committee Members Present: Dr. George Hebert, Dr. Katherine Chenier, Ms. Kelley Pursell and Ex Officio Member Jaime Monic.

Dr. Chenier moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Pursell seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of January 13, 2023. Dr. Chenier moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2023. Dr. Hebert seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a.) La Department of Education – Dr. Hebert introduced this topic and stated that the purpose of the discussion was for the Committee to review LSBEP licensing requirements versus LDOE certification/recertification requirements for a certified school psychologist to identify similarities and differences to streamline licensing with LSBEP and/or certification under LDOE.

i) Ms. Monic and Dr. Hebert reported on meeting with representatives from the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) Christy Bellue, Rachel Normand and Elizabeth Duncan, LSSP Committee Chairperson Dr. George Hebert, LSBEP Chairperson Dr. Greg Gormanous, and LSBEP Executive Director Jaime Monic related to potential options for recertification of school psychologists. Specifically, LDOE was interested in streamlining their recertification for certified school psychologists for individuals who are also licensed by LSBEP.

ii.) The Committee reviewed LSBEP laws, regulations, and policy pertaining to the LSSP in anticipation of potential initiatives by LDOE. Also to consider equivalency standards.

iii) The Committee discussed their thoughts and findings related to equivalency in credentialing standards of Certified School Psychologists vs. Licensed Specialists in School Psychology. At the meeting, the Committee produced a document comparing equivalencies identified with respect to education, training and continuing education for LSBEP and LDOE's respective licenses/certifications/renewals/recertifications; and a recommendation to the Board of Directors of LSBEP to adopt the table and the position that because the language in Bulletin 746 refers back to NASP standards, Level A and Level B certified school psychologists should meet the eligibility requirements for the LSSP License if their training program and internship are consistent with the NASP Standards. Current regulations will allow the Board to consider equivalency for training and internships on an individual basis. Ms. Monic will bring the information to the LSBEP at their next scheduled meeting.

b) Status of Rulemaking: LSSP Ethics/CPD hours – Ms. Monic reported that the updates rules regarding LSSP Ethics and requirements for CPD hours had been filed with the Louisiana Register and were on task to be finalized in March 2023.

c) **Future Committee Meetings/Location** – The Committee noted that the March 8, 2023 meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in New Orleans and that Wednesday June 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in New Orleans was confirmed. It was noted that this would be Dr. Hebert’s last meeting and future meeting locations would need to be researched if they would not be held at the Board Office in Baton Rouge.

d) **2023 Call for Nominations to fill the vacancy occurring on July 1, 2023** - The Committee reviewed the 2023 Call for Nominations form. Ms. Monic reported she sent an email to licensees calling for nominations on February 14, 2023 and would follow up with another email since no one had submitted their interest.

e) **Recap: Long Range Planning Meeting – LSSP Committee Report to the LSBEP** - Dr. Hebert and Ms. Pursell attended the LSBEP Long Range Planning Meeting on Friday, January 20, 2023 and reported on activities of the Committee over the past fiscal year. The Committee report a summary of meeting discussions over the course of the year including the meeting with LDOE and LSPA regarding certification vs. licensure issues, recommendations for licensure, and the committee’s express appreciation for the collegial working relationship and mutual respect they have with the LSBEP. It was noted that the Committee’s report was well received, and the Board commended the Committee for their dedication and service to the Board in fulfilling their charge to protect the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Dr. Hebert moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:17.A(2) and (4) conduct file reviews on application files for licensure as an LSSP. The motion was considered and put to a vote by the Committee. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the committee members present.

Dr. Chenier moved to close Executive Session and enter the Open Meeting to report on and receive motions for Executive Session matters as follows:

Drs. Hebert and Chenier reviewed the Application for Licensed Specialist in School Psychology of **Tonya N. Johnson, S.S.P.** Dr. Chenier moved that upon receipt of outstanding file material, the file could be remanded for approval by the LSBEP. The Committee discussed the motion, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Chenier reported the Application for Licensed Specialist in School Psychology of Amber Osborn was reviewed. Finding the application was awaiting outstanding documentation, no motions were offered.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at ~4:00 p.m.