

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2016

FINAL APPROVED: September 23, 2016

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, August 10, 2016. Dr. Burnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Darla Burnett, Phillip Griffin, Koren Boggs, Jesse Lambert; and, Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic. Absent was Dr. Marc Zimmermann.

Dr. Burnett opened the meeting by reading the Board's Declaration of Purpose.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the agenda for the day, with added Complaint Case Review for NP15-16-04C. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert - YEA

The Board reviewed and discussed the meeting minutes from July 8, 2016. Dr. Griffin moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 2016. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Lambert moved to enter into executive session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1, to conduct oral examinations and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert - YEA

Dr. Griffin moved to close executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board opened the meeting to the public at 1:14pm. Ms. Cindy Bishop, Executive Director for LPA and Dr. John Fanning were present for the open meeting. Dr. Burnett welcomed guests and opened business with committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Board received the following committee reports:

Executive Director Report – Ms. Monic reported on the following:

- 2016-17 Renewals/ Online System – The Phase II upgrades were in production to add Licensed Specialists in School Psychology to renewals and CE requirements; allow psychologists to update their own address and telephone number online; and provide a feedback email to LSBEP when the public orders a verification on a license.
- Legal Contracts –Legal contracts had not yet been approved due to a conflict between the Governor's Executive Order and the Attorney General's Legal Opinion regarding anti-discrimination language.

- Fire Marshall inspection – This issue has not been remedied, but is being handled by the landlord.
- LA Register corrections –The editing errors in the July 20, 2016 publication of the LA Register had been corrected
- Electronic Agendas - Electronic agendas purchased and in use for this meeting came in under budget, at just under \$1200 for tablets, covers and software.
- Emergency Policy – The Emergency Policy is still being negotiated with the LA Department of Health (LDH). LDH is open to providing space for one staff member of the Board in the event that the Board office is impacted in an emergency.

Finance Committee Report

The Board reviewed Financial Statements for July 2016 prepared by Ms. Valerie Dominique. Dr. Boggs moved to accept the financial statements provided by Ms. Dominique. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Monic reported that Ms. Dominique was working on the 2016-17 annual budget which is due August 31, 2016. Ms. Monic reported that Postlethwaite & Netterville had been engaged to perform the annual Financial Compilation Report for submission to OSRAP within the amount approved by the Board (\$3500). This report is due on August 31, 2016.

Dr. Burnett reported that she reviewed and approved Bank Reconciliations prepared by Ms. Monic from July 2016.

Oral Examination Committee Report – Dr. Boggs reported that she was reviewing changes discussed regarding typographical errors on case vignettes. Dr. Boggs reported on the following Oral Examinations conducted this day in Executive Session:

ORAL EXAMINATIONS [LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]:

George M. Kapalka, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Burnett, Griffin, Boggs and Lambert for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant **Dr. Kapalka** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Boggs - YEA, Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Lambert – YEA

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards Report – Dr. Griffin reported that he would be attending his first LBAB meeting in August 2016. Dr. Burnett reported that the LBAB was currently working on policies and procedures and that their new board member had been appointed.

Continuing Professional Development Committee – Dr. Lambert reported that he conducted a number of reviews of paper Continuing Education Reports; eight extensions were granted and there were no major issues with the reviews.

Supervision/Credentials Review - Dr. Burnett reported the results of the file reviews conducted this date in Executive Session as follows:

FILE REVIEWS [LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]:

Dr. Burnett reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Kimberly Sherman, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Jacklyn Ruhl, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Rebecca Smith, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lambert reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Corinn Johnson, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Vivian E. Piazza, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Mandi Musso, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reviewed and presented the application for Temporary Registration of **Samuel B. Hester, Ph.D. [Arkansas]** to the Board with a motion to approve his Temporary Registration. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed the application for Temporary Registration of **Angela Donahue (California)**. Dr. Griffin, moved that the Board approve the Temporary Registration of **Dr. Donahue**. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the application file for licensure of **Larry D. Vaught, Ph.D.** and requested additional information be provided concerning training and supervision.

Dr. Lambert reviewed and approved the Internship and Supervised Practice Plan of **Andrew Magers, Ph.D.**

Dr. Griffin reviewed and approved the Supervised Practice Plan and Candidate Status of

Genevieve Lapre, Ph.D.

The Board reviewed and denied the request of **Dana Caruso, Ph.D.** to accept continuing education obtained prior to her designated reporting period.

The Board reviewed the inquiry from **Sarah Drummond, Psy.D.** Regarding scope of practice of neuropsychology. The Board agreed to draft a letter to provide guidance to Dr. Drummond regarding the provisions for the practice of neuropsychology under the LAC, Title 46 §307.B.1, noting the overlapping roles in certain aspects of clinical neuropsychological assessment and intervention within the practice of a Clinical Psychologist as defined under La. Admin. Code, Title 46 §307.B.2, explaining that the Board must formally recognize the practice of clinical neuropsychology for it to be considered to be within the scope of practice to assess and analyze cognitive, perceptual, sensorimotor and behavioral functions for the purpose of identifying and isolating specific, elementary neurobehavioral disturbances; differentiating neurological from possible psychological, cultural or educational contributions to the observed deficits; and/or clinically integrating this information into a neuroanatomically and/or neuropathologically meaningful syndrome, under the La. Admin. Code, Title 46 §307.B.3.

Long Range Planning/Awards Committee: Dr. Burnett reserved her report for the LRP Discussion Item.

Task Force for Meaningful Oversight (SCR65) – Dr. Burnett reported that she would be attending her first taskforce meeting on August 22, 2016, as the representative for the LSBEP and would report back with a status at the next meeting.

There was no report from the following committees:

Legislative Oversight Committee Report; LSBEP Education & Outreach

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Walgreens Referral Services – Dr. Lambert reported that he had not yet completed reviewing this program.

Complaint Coordinator Position II – Ms. Monic provided the Board with Applicant Cover Letters and Curricula Vita's on 3 applicants. She reported that she looked into offering the contract position to Dr. Gregory Gormanous as suggested by the Board, however the LA Ethics Code would prohibit a contractual relationship with a former employee within a two year period. Dr. Griffin moved that Dr. Burnett and Ms. Monic proceed with conducting interviews and provide a summary recommendation at the next board meeting. The motion passed unanimously by the members present.

Telehealth GAPS Analysis – Dr. Burnett provided a summary of the GAPS Analysis prepared by the American Telemedicine Association. She reported that Louisiana received all B's due to Louisiana requiring informed consent for Telehealth. The Analysis reported that Texas was the

easiest state within which to practice Telehealth. Dr. Burnett surmised that this was a growing field and anticipated that regulations will evolve.

Long Range Planning Meeting Agenda Items and Work Assignments: Dr. Burnett reviewed the list of agenda items for the upcoming Long Range Planning Meeting in November. She assigned each item to members as staff for oversight/management and or research as follows:

1. ASPPB PLUS Applicant Agreement and/or Rules – BOGGS
2. Review Licensing Fees – MONIC
3. Complaints Process – LAMBERT
4. Neuropsychology Rule – GRIFFIN
5. Specialty Designations - LAMBERT and BOGGS
6. Assessing criteria for meeting postdoctoral supervision requirements for licensure AND/OR review equivalence allowance to accept a certain number of years of licensed practice experience as supplementing and/or fulfilling the supervised experience toward licensure - BURNETT
7. Unlicensed Assistants – GRIFFIN
8. PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE ISSUES Conversion Therapy (sex change) -BOGGS and BURNETT
9. Military Reciprocity – BURNETT

Mark Vigen, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed Dr. Vigen’s email request to meet with the Board to discuss forensic/child custody evaluations and how the Board handles investigations and disciplinary actions in these matters. The Board welcomed the discussion and directed Ms. Monic extend an invitation for Dr. Vigen to meet with the Board at their next scheduled meeting on September 23, 2016, and to reserve one hour for this discussion.

Licensing for Military and Spouses – Act 276* - Ms. Monic reported that the Board had received an application for expedited licensure under this provision, however could not find where regulations or a process had been implemented. Dr. Burnett recalled that rules had been written and she would follow up.

The H.O.P.E. Bible Institute [http://www.hopebible.us/] - Ms. Monic reported that a consumer contacted her regarding obtaining licensure with a degree in Bible Psychology from this university. The university’s doctoral training requirements do not meet the provisions of the LAC Title 46, Part LXIII. Psychologists for accreditation, training or credentials, however it was reported that university representatives were purporting that one could be licensed for independent practice in Louisiana with this degree. The Board conceded that the matter be reported to the Attorney General’s Office of Consumer Protection. Dr. Burnett agreed to monitor the matter.

Louisiana Psychological Association – Position Letter Regarding the EPPP2 – The Board reviewed the position statement provided to the members of the Board by LPA. Dr. Burnett invited discussion from Ms. Bishop and Dr. Fanning. Dr. Fanning summarized the position of

LPA, stating concerns regarding additional costs to new graduates who are already in debt by the time they graduate and have to incur licensing fees to begin their practice; and that the examination needed evaluating before the Board should consider adding a second set of hoops. Dr. Burnett stated that she had attended the ASPPB meeting in October 2015 and they were developing the examination at that time, but the Board had not adopted the requirement of the EPPP2. Ms. Bishop reported that Dr. Darlene Nemeth attended this past APA Convention wherein the exam was being discussed, but that Dr. Nemeth had not provided feedback on APA's position yet. Dr. Burnett also reported that there was an article in the Monitor regarding this issue also. No recommendation was made as the Board does not have the actual instrument to consider a recommendation for or against the additional requirement. However the Board duly noted LPA's position.

Office of Group Benefits – HIPAA Business Association Agreement - The Board reviewed and approved the required confidentiality agreement that the Board was asked to enter into with the Office of Group Benefits.

ASPPB Annual Meeting (October 19-22, 2016) - The Board reviewed the upcoming meeting brochure for ASPPB's Annual Meeting. Dr. Griffin approved registration and travel within the amounts budgeted for travel expenses for Dr. Koren Boggs, Dr. Jesse Lambert, and Ms. Jaime Monic. The motion passed unanimously by the members present.

Dr. Christopher Garner, Complaints Coordinator arrived to present recommendations on complaints to the Board. Dr. Jesse Lambert moved that the Board enter Executive Session to review complaints. The Board approved this motion by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA. Dr. Griffin moved, and the Board unanimously approved the closing of Executive Session to enter the following decisions:

ORAL EXAMINATIONS [LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]:

1. **P14-15-05C** – Dr. Garner presented a summary and recommendation of this case to the Board. After careful review and finding no evidence to suggest a violation under LAC, Title 46, Part LXIII, Dr. Lambert moved to accept Dr. Garners recommendation to close this matter without action. The Board approved this motion by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA
2. **P15-16-05C** – **[THIS ITEM WAS INCORRECTLY REFERENCED ON THE AGENDA AS P15-16-02C]** Dr. Garner presented a summary and recommendation of this case to the Board. After careful review and finding no evidence to suggest a violation under LAC, Title 46, Part LXIII, Dr. Lambert moved to accept Dr. Garners recommendation to close this matter without action. The Board approved this motion by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA
3. **LSBEP vs. KB** - Ms. Monic presented a summary that this matter, being received past the date allowed to review such incidents under LA R.S. 37:21 [Chapter 1-A Professions

and Occupations] was closed. Dr. Lambert moved to affirm the administrative decision. The Board approved this motion by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA

4. **P15-16-06C** – Ms. Monic presented a summary and recommendation of this case to the Board. After careful review and finding no evidence to suggest a violation under LAC, Title 46, Part LXIII, Dr. Lambert moved to accept the recommendation to close this matter without action. The Board approved this motion by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA
5. **NP15-16-04C** - Ms. Monic presented this case and recommendation to the Board. After careful review and accepting the Respondent's compliance under LAC, Title 46, Part LXIII, Dr. Lambert moved to accept the recommendation to close this matter without action. The Board approved this motion by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA

Dr. Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00pm. The motion passed unanimously.