

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2017

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The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, October 18, 2017. Dr. Phillip Griffin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m. on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Phillip Griffin, Koren Boggs, Jesse Lambert, Amy Henke, Leah Crouch; and, Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic. Attorney Courtney Newton was present for part of the meeting to present and discuss complaint matters in Executive Session.

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

Dr. Henke moved to approve the agenda for the day. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch YEA.

The Board reviewed and discussed the meeting minutes from September 22, 2017. Dr. Lambert moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 2017 as discussed. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Lambert moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1, to review complaints and conduct oral examinations and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch - YEA.

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

The Board opened the meeting to the public at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Kim VanGeffen, representing the Louisiana Psychological Association, was present for the open meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Board received the following committee reports:

Executive Director Report – Ms. Monic reported on the current status of LSBEP Investigations and Complaint matters for 2016-17 as follows: Total investigations 23 (13 Against Psychologists, 10 Against Non-Psychologists); Disciplinary Actions 3 (3 Against Psychologists, 0 Against Non-Psychologists). Ms. Monic reported that Nominations for the 2018-2023 Board Seat opened on October 1st. No Nominations had been received to date and the nominations period may need to be extended.

Finance Committee Report

Dr. Griffin reported that he reviewed and approved Leave Reports for Ms. Monic.

Dr. Griffin reported that he reviewed and approved Bank Reconciliations prepared by Ms. Monic from September 2017. The Board reviewed and by motion of Dr. Lambert accepted the Financial Statements for September 2017 prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA.

Oral Examination Committee Report –Dr. Boggs reported that 4 candidates cancelled and 7 oral examinations were conducted in executive session this day as follows:

C. Alan Hopewell, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for licensure via reciprocity with Texas. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant **Dr. Hopewell** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Neuropsychology upon receipt of required application material. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Boggs – YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch - YEA.

Susannah Smith, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Lambert and Crouch for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Crouch moved that the Board grant **Dr. Smith** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch - YEA.

Melanie M. Lantz, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin, Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Counseling Psychology. Dr. Boggs moved that the Board grant **Dr. Lantz** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch - YEA.

Sandra Viggiani, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin, Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant **Dr. Viggiani** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch - YEA.

Kimberly Lewis, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Lambert and Crouch for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Lambert moved that the Board grant **Dr. Lewis** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch - YEA.

Anna C. Kelley, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, , Drs. Griffin, Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Henke moved that the Board grant **Dr. Kelley** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call

vote as follows: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch - YEA.

Emily MacDougall, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Lambert and Crouch for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Lambert moved that the Board grant **Dr. MacDougall** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch - YEA.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee – No Report

Legislative Oversight Committee Report – Dr. Lambert reported that he was ill and unable to attend the first meeting of the Medicaid Integrated Assessment Task Force but would be attending the next meeting.

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

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

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for Provisional License of **Erika M. Rajo, Psy.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and approve her Provisional License to Practice Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Edward A. Toyer, II, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Eleanore C. Heaton, 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 **James L. McAbee, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lambert reviewed the Temporary Registration of **Krishnan Mohandie, Ph.D.** (California). Dr. Lambert, finding the requirements for Temporary Registration had been met, recommended the Board approve **Dr. Mohandie's** registration. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed and approved the Supervised Practice Plans of **Rayond Tucker, Ph.D.** and **Elise C. McIver, Ph.D.**

The Board reviewed the Reinstatement Applications for Licensure of **Deldon Anne McNeely, Ph.D.** with a motion to invite her to the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the application file material for **Chad Lewing, Ph.D.**

Complaints Committee: - Dr. Lambert reported that the AdHoc Study Group would be meeting on November 10, 2017 at 1:00PM.

Dr. Lambert reported the following cases were reviewed by the Board in executive session with Attorney Courtney Newton:

1. **P16-17-05C** – Attorney Newton provided a status of this matter to the Board.
2. **P16-17-13C** – Attorney Newton provided a status of this matter to the Board.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards Report - No report.

Continuing Professional Development Committee – Ms. Monic reported that the annual audit of continuing education reported for the July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 had not yet been facilitated. The Board discussed the audit and procedures. The Board also discussed how CPD reporting was going. Dr. Griffin requested that the matter be added to the LRP Agenda for further discussion regarding the requirements.

Long Range Planning/Awards Committee - Ms. Monic reported that planning for the LRP Meeting was on schedule and that invitations would be sent next week. The Board approved the tentative agenda for Thursday affirming training to be conducted by Attorney Courtney P. Newton and Valerie Dominique.

Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (LBAB) Liaison – Dr. Lambert reported that he was ill and unable to attend the October LBAB meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. **Rule Development:** The Board continued to discuss rule development related to administrative and practice initiatives for the Long Range Planning meeting.
2. **Contract with the Office of the Attorney General for Administrative Law Judge** – The Board discussed the need for a contract with the Office of the Attorney General to provide services to the LSBEP in the role of administrative law judge or hearing officer to assist the LSBEP in adjudicating matters requiring a formal administrative hearing and in order to ensure the proper conduct of the proceedings in accordance with the law. Dr. Lambert moved that the Board authorize Ms. Monic to request and negotiate the terms of a contract with the AG's office

in accordance with the policies, procedures, regulatory and statutory contracting requirements of the state, including the rates approved by the AG's office, the total of all sums payable including fees and reimbursement of expenses not to exceed Five thousand dollars (\$5,000). The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Lambert - YEA, Boggs - YEA, Henke - YEA, Crouch - YEA.

3. **Audit for Reciprocity requirements with ASPPB, Certificate of professional Qualifications ABPP Diplomat** – The Board began its review and discussion of this matter. Dr. Griffin requested the discussion of the matter be continued to the next meeting.

4. **Policy and Procedures – Budgeting, Contracting, Ethics** – The Board reviewed and discussed potential revisions to its policies and procedures related to budgeting, contracting and ethics training as proposed by Ms. Monic. Dr. Henke moved to accept the revised policies as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Psychologist Emergency Commitment: Title 28, Chapter 1 (Behavioral Health Laws) and LSBEP Opinion #002** – The Board reviewed the current statutory and regulatory requirements of psychologists that apply to individuals who have been registered and trained as developmental psychologists. It was determined that specialization and training of a developmental psychologist does not currently fall within the requirements of the LAC Ch. 3 Section 305 to engage in applied health care (or clinical practice) areas and therefore are not qualified to issue a Psychologist Emergency Commitment as defined in Title 28, Chapter 1 of the Behavioral Health Laws. Those specialties recognized by the Board as applied health care (or clinical practice) include “...counseling, clinical, clinical neuropsychology, and school psychology”. Dr. Griffin requested the matter be placed on the Long Range Planning meeting agenda for further review and discussion.

6. **Inquiry from Kristin Savicki, Ph.D., Psychologist, LA Department of Health/Office of Behavioral Health** – The Board reviewed and approved a response to Ms. Savicki concerning the ability of a licensed psychologist to bill for psychological services provided by a psychology intern.

7. **Inquiry from the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board regarding dual licensing** – The Board discussed and approved a formal response to the LBAB and further discussed revising Opinion No. 018 for additional clarification with regard to dual licensing with LSBEP and LBAB.

Dr. Henke moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.