

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 7, 2020

FINAL APPROVED: MARCH 6, 2020

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board or LSBEP) was noticed and agenda posted on, Thursday, February 6, 2020. Board Chair, Dr. Koren Boggs, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Dr. Boggs read the mission statement: *“It is hereby declared that the creation of a state board of examiners of psychologists is necessary in order to safeguard life, health, property, and the public welfare of this state, and in order to protect the people of this state against unauthorized, unqualified, and improper application of psychology.”*

Board Members Present: Drs. Koren Boggs, Amy Henke, Gregory Gormanous, Gina Gibson Michelle Moore
Board Members Absent: Consumer Board Member, Mr. Darren “Chance” McNeely; Staff Present: Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic. Public/Guests Present: Dr. Kim VanGeffen and Dr. Richard Niolon representing LPA were present for the open meeting.

Dr. Gormanous requested that his statement of service be recorded into the minutes as follows: *“My serving on LSBEP is to ensure that consumers of psychological services are protected against any unqualified, harmful and unauthorized practice, application or use of psychology. My service is as a consumer advocate and educator. My service is not as a market participant.”*

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dr. Henke moved to approve the agenda as posted. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) McNeely

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Gormanous moved to approve the minutes of January 10, 2020 as discussed. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) McNeely

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Dr. Gormanous moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:17.A(2) and (4) to discuss file reviews, consider complaint matters and conduct oral examinations. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) McNeely

Dr. Henke moved to close Executive Session to enter the following. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) McNeely

ORAL EXAMINATIONS [LSA-R.S.42.16.1]:

Roger Galen Clark, Psy.D. appeared before Board members Drs. Boggs, Gormanous, Henke, Gibson and Moore for licensure as a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology. Finding that **Dr. Clark** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Clark** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in

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Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) McNeely

Suzana E. Flores, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Gormanous, Gibson, and Boggs for an Oral Examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. The board discussed **Dr. Flores'** performance and qualifications in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Flores** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Flores** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) McNeely

Joseph D. Salande, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Henke and Moore for an Oral Examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. The board discussed **Dr. Salande's** performance and qualifications in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Salande** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Salande** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) McNeely

SUPERVISION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: APPLICANT/LICENSE FILE REVIEWS [LSA-R.S. 42.17.A(1)]:

Dr. Gibson reviewed the Application(s) for Provisional License of **Nicholas T. Tworek, Psy.D., Edwin A. Brennan, Ph.D., and Chelsea R. Ennis, Ph.D.** Finding that **Drs. Tworek, Brennan and Ennis** had completed the requirements for a provisional license and obtained appropriate supervision, Dr. Gibson moved that the Board approve candidacy status, admission to the EPPP, and grant provisional licensure to **Drs. Tworek, Brennan and Ennis** while completing the supervision requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reviewed the Application for Provisional License of **Rebecca Wallace, Ph.D.** Finding that **Dr. Wallace** had completed the requirements for a provisional license and obtained appropriate supervision, Dr. Boggs moved that the Board approve candidacy status, and grant provisional licensure to **Dr. Wallace** while completing the requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gormanous reviewed the Temporary Registration of **Dr. Benjamin David Hill.** Finding that the requirements for a temporary practice registration had been met, Dr. Gormanous recommended the Board grant Dr. Hill a Temporary Registration to practice. The Board discussed the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gormanous reviewed and presented the Temporary Registration of **Dr. Robert Daniel Shaffer,** with a recommendation that the Board request additional information prior to issuance of the registration to ensure compliance with the statutory authority of the board and spirit of the provision for temporary registration. The Board discussed the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Ginette Wong Grube, Psy.D.,** with a recommendation that the Board request additional information prior to approving candidacy status to

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ensure compliance with the statutory authority of the board including provision for considering reciprocal applications and substantial equivalence.

Dr. Boggs reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Nicholas M. Wisdom, Ph.D.**, with a motion that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Wisdom** and invite him to meet face to face with the board to complete the requirements for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Applications for License of **Vanessa S. Durand, Ph.D.** and **Heather L. Ellingson, Psy.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and invite **Drs. Durand** and **Ellingson** to take the Oral Examination to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Shawn P. Gilroy, Ph.D.**, with a motion that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Gilroy** and admit him to the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. Pending receipt of passing EPPP, the candidate may be invited to take the Oral Examination to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reported she reviewed and approved the Supervised Practice Plans for Danielle Cohn, Ph.D. and Yelena L. Johnson, Ph.D.

Dr. Moore reported she reviewed the Application for License of **Grace A. Bickham, Ph.D.**, and will be requesting additional information from the applicant prior to issuing a recommendation.

COMPLAINTS [LSA R.S. 42.16]:

1. NP18-19-13P – Dr. Gormanous presented this case involving allegations of potential violations of the psychology practice act by (an) unlicensed individual(s). Dr. Gormanous noted cooperation and compliance by the unlicensed individual(s) and recommended the matter be dismissed without further action. The board considered the summary and recommendation. Board voted to accept the recommendation by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) McNeely

2. (NP) JV vs. AL Rec'd 11/25/2019 – Ms. Monic provided information to the Board in the absence of Compliance Officer, Justin Owens. The Board discussed this matter and affirmed that the matter against the non-psychologist warranted investigation. Dr. Amy Henke was assigned as the Board Member to oversee and coordinate the direction of the investigation; and make recommendations to the Board for complaint disposition.

3. (NP) JK vs KLL Rec'd 10/17/2019 – Ms. Monic provided information to the Board in the absence of Compliance Officer, Justin Owens. The Board discussed this matter and affirmed that the matter against the non-psychologists warranted investigation. Dr. Gina Gibson was assigned as the Board Member to oversee and coordinate the direction of the investigation; and make recommendations to the Board for complaint disposition.

4. P17-18-07B – The Board Reviewed the revised Consent Order in resolution of Case P17-18-07B. The board unanimously accepted the Consent Order which represents formal action against Samuel Webb Sentell, Ph.D., M.P., License No. 722. Dr. Sentell, waived his right to contest the charges alleging violations of La. R.S. 37:2359.A., La. R.S. 37:2359.B(2)(c), La. R.S. 37:2359.B(5), La. R.S. 37:2359.B(11), La. R.S. 37:2359.B(12), La.

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R.S. 37:2359.B(14); and the following ethical standards under the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46 Pt LXIII (“Rule”): Rule §701-§711; Rule §1103-1103; Rule §1307.J.5.; and Rule §1309 and consenting to disciplinary action by the Board. Dr. Gormanous moved that the board delegate the authority to the Complaints Committee to oversee compliance with the provisions of the order. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) McNeely

5. In the Matter P17-18-06C and P18-19-04C – The board, having previously deciding this matter on January 10, 2020, reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved closure letters of education in these cases, Dr. Gormanous noted the closure letters adequately addressed his concerns in these matters.

6. P19-20-03C – Dr. Boggs presented closure letters directed to the complainant and the respondent in this matter. The board discussed the contents and revisions to the letters drafted in consultation with Attorney Courtney P. Newton. The board unanimously approved the letters as revised.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE VACANCY OCCURRING ON JULY 1, 2020:

The board opened the election results from the election conducted through SimplyVoting and reported the following certified results: Turnout: 252 (31.9%) of 790 electors voted in this ballot. Shannae Harness, Ph.D. 189 (100.0%) Abstain 63 (25.0%). A copy of the certified results were simultaneously provided to the Louisiana Psychological Association through Dr. Kim VanGeffen to be reported to Governor John Bel Edwards in accordance with LA R.S. 37:2352.A.(2).

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

The Board received committee reports and recommendations as follows:

1. **Executive Director Report:** Ms. Monic reported on a telephone conference with Tom Jarlock of the LA Workforce Commission; that she had begun researching merchants for credit card processing and charging the licensee for credit card fees; reported that Supervision via Telepsychology guidelines and application had been posted; reminded board members to complete the driver safety training in order to receive reimbursement; reminded board members to turn in documentation on training in Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace or let her know if they needed assistance locating a training; reported that LPA had sent an invitation to present at their 2020 Annual Conference; and that there has been no eligible nominee for appointment to the LSSP Committee.

The board discussed this report and to request Ms. Newton and at least one other board member be available to present at the 2020 LPA Conference. The board discussed outreach options for the LSSP Committee.

2. **Finance Committee:**

a. **Financial Reports** – The Board reviewed the financial reports for January 2020. Dr. Gormanous moved to accept the financial reports as prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. **Leave Report Approvals (KB)** – Dr. Boggs reported the review and approval of Leave Reports for Ms. Monic; Ms. Monic reported the review and approval of Leave Reports for Mr. Owens.

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3. **Oral Examination Committee** – Dr. Moore reported the board conducted two oral examinations and one reciprocity interview in executive session this date. Dr. Moore reported on initiatives to revise the oral examination by reviewing the benefits and efficacy of current procedures.

4. **Jurisprudence Examination Committee** – No report.

5. **Legislative Oversight Committee** – Dr. Gormanous reported that it was critical that the board provide a draft of previously discussed legislation for consideration for this legislative session.

6. **Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards** – Dr. Gormanous reported he had contacted Mariann Burnett-Atwell, PsyD, and that she was open to meeting with representatives of the LSBEP to discuss the EPPP2. Dr. Gormanous requested the board affirm permission to meet with Dr. Burnett-Atwell to discuss concerns related to ASPPB’s rollout of the EPPP2, and also to discuss the mission of ASPPB’s and the role of individual boards in this organization. Dr. Henke moved in favor of approving meeting reimbursement, excluding airfare, and including registration, hotel and per diem for Dr. Gormanous to attend the Mid-winter meeting in Montreal, Canada along with Dr. Gibson and Ms. Monic who were previously approved to attend this meeting. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (4) Boggs, Henke, Gibson, Moore, Against: 0; Abstained: (1) Gormanous; Absent: (1) McNeely

7. **Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee** – Dr. Boggs reported that the Committee continues to work on compiling data from the survey regarding CPD. Dr. Henke reported she is working on a newsletter article to continue outreach on this topic.

8. **Supervision/Credentials Committee** – Dr. Moore reported that the committee reviewed application files during executive session this date. Dr. Boggs reported that the workgroup revised the professional reference form, declaration of competencies form, and post-doctoral supervision form, and continues to work on revising all forms currently required as part of the application for licensure. Dr. Boggs reiterated that the Committee’s goal in revising the forms was to be able to utilize all documentation to corroborate the applicant’s training and experience such that, if the applicant does not provide documentation that is consistent with an applicant’s declaration then the unverified competency will then become part of their oral examination.

Dr. Boggs reported that due to the focus on this process, the development of credentialing standards (i.e. Health Service Provider vs. General Applied Psychologist) is on hold.

Dr. Henke noted a necessity to add an item to request the “Date of Issue for Supervisor License” to confirm qualification of the supervisor in accordance with LSBEP’s regulations. She requested that, at some point, the board review the requirements for supervisors.

Dr. Moore agreed on drafting the newsletter article related to telesupervision.

9. **Complaints Committee** – Dr. Boggs reported that complaints were reviewed in executive session this date. Justin Owens, LSBEP Compliance Officer reported that the Board currently had 24 open cases: 2 new, 16 formal investigations, 2 in various stages of closure and 4 open cases against non-psychologists.

10. **Long Range Planning Committee** – No report.

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Next Board Meeting Dates:** The Board set the following dates for meeting: March 6, 2020, April 3, 2020, May 20, 2020 (Wed.), June 5, 2020, July 17, 2020, August 21, 2020, September 11, 2020
2. **Investigator/Employee Identification:** Ms. Monic proposed the board get monogrammed shirts for investigators/employees for clear identification when investigators and/or employees are interviewing individuals or otherwise representing the board in any official business. The board discussed this requested and agreed this would be prudent. Dr. Gormanous moved to authorize Ms. Monic to use her discretion in obtaining quotes and selecting a vendor to generate this product, within reasonable limits but not more than \$500 for initial set up.
3. **STATUTORY** – The board again reviewed and considered revisions for potential housekeeping legislation for the 2020 Regular Legislative Session including: Definition of “Practice of psychology”; Summary Suspension provision; Emeritus License (full retirement/no CE/minimum fee); R.S. 37:2356.B. and C. require updating related to examinations; Unlicensed Assistants; registration; revocation and fee schedule; and Disclosure of information received in an administrative investigation falling under other state or federal jurisdictional oversight Dr. Gormanous reiterated the need to begin educating legislators if these matters were to be addressed this session. Dr. Moore moved in favor of the board requesting assistance to address the statutory needs of the board. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gibson, Moore, Gormanous; Against: 0; Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely
4. **Policy & Procedures** – The board reviewed and by motion of Dr. Gormanous approved a revision to the policy and procedures of the LSBEP to include a job description and delegated authority of the compliance officer, a position currently held by Mr. Justin Owens. The board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gibson, Moore, Gormanous; Against: 0; Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely

Ms. Monic reported she would continue to revise the policy as it pertains to the incorporation of the new compliance officer position.

Due to time constraints, the Board was not able to recess to committee groups, Dr. Boggs requested that Ms. Monic explore options to creating a board member reference portal so document sharing for information and forms related to board member service and policies and procedures are accessible.

Dr. Moore moved to table the remaining agenda items and adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously by the members present.

LEGAL NOTICES

La. R.S. 37:23.2 - In compliance with La. R.S. 37:23.2, the LSBEP hereby gives notice to its licensees and applicants of their opportunity to file a complaint about board actions and board procedures. You may submit such complaints to one or more of the following organizations: Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists: **Submit in writing to:** LSBEP, 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, #C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816; admin.lsbep@la.gov; (225)925-6511; Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives: **Submit to:** H&GA@legis.la.gov or Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives, PO Box 44486, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225) 342-2403; Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs, La. Senate: **Submit to:** s&g@legis.la.gov or Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs, La. Senate PO Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225)342-9845

LA R.S. 42:14.D. Public comments** – In accordance with LA R.S. 42:14.D., the LSBEP shall allow public comments at any point during a meeting of the board prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. Individuals who wish to comment on a matter must sign in and state their intent to comment on a matter.

La. R.S. 44:33.1 - In compliance with La. R.S. 44:33.1, the LSBEP hereby gives notice that information submitted to the LSBEP may become public record pursuant to the provisions of Louisiana Public Records Law, La. R.S. 44:1, *et seq.*

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