

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 20, 2020

FINAL APPROVED: June 5, 2020

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board or LSBEP) was noticed and agenda posted on, Monday, May 18, 2020, technical corrections made and reposted on May 19, 2020. Board Chair, Dr. Koren Boggs, called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

Morning Attendance:

Board Members Present: Drs. Koren Boggs, Amy Henke, Gregory Gormanous, Gina Gibson

Staff Present: Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic and Compliance Office, Justin Owens

Board Members in Partial Attendance: Consumer Board Member, Mr. Darren “Chance” McNeely

Board Members Absent: Michelle Moore

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.”

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.”

Ms. Monic affirmed that due to COVID19, the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was unable to meet in person for quorum requirements and therefore is holding this board meeting online via Zoom.us., and in accordance with Proclamation JBE2020 – 30, Section 4, and 38-JBE-2020(J) at : Online:

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dr. Gormanous moved to approve the agenda as posted. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (4) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Moore, McNeely

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board discussed the draft Minutes of March 6, 202 and April 3, 2020. Dr. Gormanous moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2020 and April 3, 2020 as discussed and amended. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely, Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) Moore

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, conduct licensing interviews and provide oral examination feedback to candidates for licensure. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, , Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (2) McNeely **and** Moore

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

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

Jane E. Booth Lewis, Ph.D. – appeared this date via Video Conference before Board members Drs. Boggs, Gormanous, Henke, Gibson and Moore for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. Finding that **Dr. Lewis** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Lewis** 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: (4) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Moore, McNeely

Elie N. Cohen, Ph.D. – appeared for examination via Video Conference on May 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Dr. Greg Gormanous, Koren Boggs and Gina Gibson. Dr. Cohen was not present this date for additional feedback. The Board discussed the results of the examination. Finding that **Dr. Cohen** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Gibson moved that **Dr. Cohen** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Moore, McNeely

Elizabeth Allain, Ph.D. – appeared for examination via Video Conference on May 7, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Dr. Greg Gormanous and Gina Gibson. **Dr. Allain** also appeared this date to receive feedback related to her licensing examination. The Board discussed the results of the examination. Finding that **Dr. Allain** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Gibson moved that **Dr. Allain** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in School Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (4) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Moore, McNeely

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Kristin R. Tubre, Psy.D. - appeared for examination via Video Conference on May 1, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Dr. Greg Gormanous and Gina Gibson. **Dr. Tubre** also appeared this date to receive feedback related to her licensing examination. The Board discussed the results of the examination. Finding that **Dr. Tubre** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Tubre** 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: (4) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Moore, McNeely

I. Shujaa K. Miller, Ph.D. - appeared for examination via Video Conference on May 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Dr. Greg Gormanous and Amy Henke. **Dr. Miller** also appeared this date to receive feedback related to his licensing examination. The Board discussed the results of the examination. Finding that **Dr. Miller** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Miller** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (4) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Moore, McNeely

Jared I. Israel, Ph.D.- appeared for examination via Video Conference on May 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Dr. Greg Gormanous and Amy Henke. **Dr. Israel** also appeared this date to receive feedback related to his licensing examination. The Board discussed the results of the examination. Finding that **Dr. Israel** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Israel** 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: (4) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Moore, McNeely

Jon Dimond, Ph.D. - appeared for examination via Video Conference on May 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Dr. Greg Gormanous and Amy Henke. **Dr. Dimond** also appeared this date to receive feedback related to his licensing examination. The Board discussed the results of the examination. Finding that **Dr. Dimond** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Dimond** 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: (4) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Moore, McNeely

Ginette Wong Grube, Psy.D. - appeared for examination via Video Conference on May 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Dr. Greg Gormanous and Gina Gibson. **Dr. Grube** also appeared this date to receive feedback related to her licensing examination. The Board discussed the results of the examination. Finding that **Dr. Grube** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Grube** 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: (4) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Moore, McNeely

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OPEN MEETING (AFTERNOON ATTENDANCE):

Board Members Present: Drs. Koren Boggs, Amy Henke, Gregory Gormanous, Gina Gibson, and Consumer Board Member, Mr. Darren “Chance” McNeely

Staff Present: Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic and Compliance Office, Justin Owens

Board Members Absent: Michelle Moore

Public Attendees: Dr. Kim VanGeffen (LPA), Amber Boykin, LSSP, Dr. Carmen Broussard, Brandon Wilks (LSPA), Dr. Erin Reuther (LPA)

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

The Board received Committee and Liaison reports as follows:

1. Executive Director Report – Ms. Monic reported that the Executive Committee is continuing its Weekly Wednesday Update series through Phase 1; next month is technically Dr. Boggs’ last meeting, however her appointment has not been made and she should continue to serve until such time that a replacement is appointed; board members appointed last year were reminded to contact their Senator to ensure their appointment is confirmed by the Senate.
2. Finance Committee - The Board reviewed Financial Reports prepared by Valerie A. Dominique, CPA for March 2020 and April 2020. Dr. Henke moved in favor of accepting the March 2020 and April 2020 Financial Reports. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) Moore

Dr. Boggs reported she reviewed and approved Leave Reports for Ms. Monic. She noted that these review and approvals are being conducted electronically using Adobe Acrobat. Ms. Monic Reported she reviewed and approved Leave Reports for Mr. Owens.

3. Oral Examination Committee – Dr. Boggs reported that two or more Board Members were assigned to small Examining Committees to conduct Oral Examinations for licensure via a teleconferencing format (Zoom). This morning, the full board met with each candidate and provided feedback related to their examination. The Board confirmed the licensure of one candidate via CPQ reciprocity and seven candidates via oral examination.
4. Jurisprudence Examination Committee- No report.
5. Legislative Oversight Committee – Update on AdHoc Legislative Collaborative Committee (ALCC) - Ms. Monic reported that the ALCC has met approximately four times, spending the majority of time on the registration of unlicensed assistants, but with progress on the definition of the practice of psychology. Dr. Gormanous stated he is optimistic and sees the group moving in a good direction and making progress. Mr. McNeely agreed that the group is moving in a good direction. Dr. Kim VanGeffen, a member of the ALCC added that the committee has been working very hard. Ms. Monic summarized the reason for the discussion item was to make the LSBEP aware that although not previously identified, there were concerns related to the registration of assistants as it relates to an LSSP who is working under the supervision of a licensed psychologist. Ms. Monic reported that as a result, the LSSP Committee of the LSBEP was notified and a meeting was called to discuss the matter on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.. Dr. Broussard, who was present at the LSSP Committee

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meeting reported that the group came to some positive recommendations. The ALCC is scheduled to meet one more time on May 26, 2020 from 2-4:30 p.m.

6. Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards - Dr. Gormanous reported that there had been some questions related to ASPPB's involvement with university education and training. Dr. Gormanous reported that it is his understanding that a taskforce has been or will be formed with a goal to find some degree of consistency on how to deal with the common issues that serve as barriers to licensure in the face of COVID-19. Dr. Gormanous suggested that LSBEP could be involved on the front end of this initiative should a board member or administrator want to participate on the taskforce. Dr. Henke expressed her interest. Dr. Gormanous agreed to look into the process of being approved to serve on the taskforce.
7. (NEW) Public and Professional Outreach Committee – Dr. Henke reported her attention has shifted to the Weekly Wednesday Update, but she intends to make a point of focusing on the LSBEP Newsletter once the response to the COVID19 emergency settles down.
8. Continuing Professional Development Committee – Dr. Henke reiterated the provisions made regarding continuing professional developments in response to the COVID 19 emergency.
9. Supervision/Credentials Committee - Dr. Henke reported that Telesupervision applications continue to be processed typically within 24 hours and reported positive feedback from licensees.
10. Complaints Committee -
 - a. **Complaint Status Report** - Mr. Owens presented his **Compliance Report for the period 03/07/20 – 04/03/20** as follows:
Total number of Requests for Investigations received since last meeting: **0**
Total number of Board initiated investigations since last meeting: **1**
Total number of Open *Active* investigations: **15 (4 against non-licensees)**
9 are Formal Complaints
2 from FY17-18
4 from FY18-19
3 from FY19-20
4 are still under review by Complaints Coordinator
Total number of cases closed as of the April 3, 2020 meeting: **1**
Disciplinary Actions: **0**
Applications w/ Arrest Info: 0

b. In the Matter NP19-20-10P - Ms. Monic reported that following thorough investigation, review and consideration of all evidence in the matter designated as **NP19-20-10P** the Complaint Investigation Committee assigned to this case, consisting of Dr. Amy Henke and Mr. Justin Owens, presented this case to the Board in Executive Session. The Committee noted concerns related to best practices, however, found insufficient evidence that a violation of the Psychology Practice Act had occurred. The Committee recommended to the Board that the matter be dismissed with a Letter of Education summarizing relevant facts and education related to best practices. After consideration, Dr. Gormanous moved to accept the Complaint Investigation Committee's recommendation to dismiss the matter with a letter of education. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Moore

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11. **Long Range Planning Committee** – Dr. Gormanous requested that in order to memorialize forward progress in planning for long-term goals, that the outgoing Chair give a summary speech related to her goals, the progress made, and the progress yet to be achieved as the board moves forward.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **COVID19: Updates, Temporary Registrations, Telesupervision Applications and any other matters related to LSBEP’s response to the COVID 19 emergency** - In responding to the COVID19 emergency, upon issuance of the Governors Executive Order’s: 25-JBE-2020, 30-JBE-2020, 33-JBE-2020, 38-JBE-2020 and LA Dept of Health Notice/Order 3/23/2020, Ms. Monic advised that Emergency Temporary Registration Applications are still being received and processed and the Executive Committee agreed to continue to waive fees for Telesupervision Applications through June 30, 2020.
2. **Policy and Procedures – Draft Revisions incorporating Compliance Officer** – The Board reviewed and discussed changes to Policy and Procedures related to job description and duties of the Compliance Officer position. Dr. Gormanous moved in favor of adopting the revisions as discussed. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) Moore
3. **Review Revised Application forms** – Dr. Boggs presented this topic and justification that the forms be consistent for the confirmation and verification of competencies in examining a candidate for licensure. The Board reviewed and discussed the final drafts of the Professional Reference form, Postdoctoral Supervision Documentation form, and Declaration of Competencies form. Dr. Gormanous moved in favor of adopting the revisions as discussed. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, , McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) Moore
4. **Discuss license certificate/obtaining board member signatures** - In order to facilitate the issuance of formal signed license certificates, the board discussed adopting a process for approval for printed or stamped signatures on the formal signed certificates. By motion of Dr. Gormanous, the new procedure was adopted by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, , McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) Moore
5. **Technology Proposal: CERTEMY** - Ms. Monic reported that she and Mr. McNeely met with this company, following the April 3, 2020 Board Meeting where the board discussed moving into the current century with regard to technology fillable forms, electronic submission of documents and online applications. Following the review of the proposal that CERTEMY offered, the Board requested that CERTEMY be present at their next regularly scheduled meeting to address questions and concerns related to security of data, company experience.
6. **2020 Renewals** - The Board reviewed and discussed amendments to the 2020 renewal forms. By motion of Dr. Gormanous the Board approved revisions to the forms without objections.

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7. **2020 Legislative Review -**

- a. SB458- Luneau - LSBEP Housekeeping Legislation - The Board discussed the newly identified issue of how an LSSP would be identified or exempted when considering the statutory provisions for registering assistants to psychologists. Taking into consideration the recommendation of the LSSP Committee and in order to facilitate and provide guidance to the ALCC, the board agreed that it would be appropriate for the ALCC to consider an exemption in some form for an LSSP who is currently licensed (having undergone a background check and vetted credentials) and providing the same services which they are qualified to offer in a school system.
- b. 2020 Regular Session, Proposed legislation impacting LSBEP - The Board reviewed and discussed potential responses to legislation from the current session that would impact LSBEP's financials, operations, policies and procedures.

At 5:00 p.m., Dr. Henke moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (4) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (2)Gibson, Moore

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 in the meeting 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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