

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 27, 2021

Final Approved: October 22, 2021

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board or LSBEP) was noticed, agenda certified, and signed by LSBEP Chairperson Amy Henke, posted, emailed to individuals and the news media who have requested to receive notices of LSBEP meetings, and widely distributed to every known news media outlet that broadcasts or publishes news within Louisiana through the Louisiana Press Association on August 25, 2021. The notice included information on how to join the meeting virtually via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84112383863?pwd=Y3h6a0RlcmFwcmRDNjJRdkIwcmRDdz09>

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Board Chairperson, Dr. Gina Gibson, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. on Friday, August 27, 2021.

Attendance:

Board Member attending virtually: Dr. Gina Gibson, Dr. Gregory Gormanous, Dr. Michelle Moore Dr. Shannae Harness. Mr. Darren “Chance” McNeely joined late.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Thomandra Shavaun Sam

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

Guests Present for Open Meeting (partial attendance): Emily Dixon (La Legislative Auditors Office), Lauren Pendas ((La Legislative Auditors Office), Matthew Carlin (La Legislative Auditors Office), Dr. Kim VanGeffen (LPA), Dr. Matt Holcomb (LPA), Dr. Richard Nilon (LPA), Dr. Nathan Brown, Dr. Kasia Plessy, Dr. Alex Birdsill, and Dr. Steven Thurber.

Ms. Monic advised that the meeting would run progressively through all Agenda Items with coffee breaks as needed and a formal lunch break from Noon to 1:00p.m. Further that the Board would likely be in executive session at least until 11:30a.m.

Dr. Gibson read the mission statement as follows, *“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 reminded board members to adhere to LSBEP’s policy for Video Meeting Decorum and to keep their video on to ensure a quorum.

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA Dr. Gormanous moved approve the agenda. The Board discussed the motion, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) McNeely, Sam.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Dr. Gormanous moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:17.A(2) and (4) to discuss oral examinations. The Board discussed the motion, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) McNeely, Sam.

Mr. McNeely joined the meeting during Executive Session.

Dr. Gormanous moved to close Executive Session to enter the Open Meeting to report on and receive motions for Executive Session matters. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

1. Oral Examination Committee –

a. Oral Examination Committee Recommendations:

- i. **Steven D. Thurber, Ph.D.** appeared via Video Conference at 9:00 a.m. in Executive Session before Board members Gibson, Gormanous and Moore for licensure via reciprocity as a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology. Finding that **Dr. Thurber** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that the Board grant **Dr. Thurber** a license to practice psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
- ii. **Nathan Brown, Ph.D.** appeared for examination in Executive Session via Video Conference at 9:30 a.m. before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Drs. Gibson, Gormanous and Moore. The Board discussed the results of the examination in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Brown** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Brown** 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) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
- iii. **John Drozd, Ph.D.** appeared for examination via Video Conference before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Drs. Moore and Harness on August 13, 2021. The Board discussed the results of the examination in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Drozd** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that **Dr. Drozd** 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) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
- iv. **Rosaura E. Orengo-Aguayo, Ph.D.** appeared for examination via Video Conference before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Drs. Moore and Harness on August 13, 2021. The Board discussed the results of the examination in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Orengo-Aguayo** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Harness moved that **Dr. Orengo-Aguayo** 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) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

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- v. **Alex C. Birdsill, Ph.D.** appeared for examination via Video Conference before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Drs. Gormanous and Moore on August 20, 2021. The Board discussed the results of the examination in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Birdsill** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that **Dr. Birdsill** 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) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
- vi. **Kasia S. Plessy, Ph.D.** appeared for examination via Video Conference before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Drs. Gormanous and Moore on August 20, 2021. The Board discussed the results of the examination in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Plessy** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that **Dr. Plessy** 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) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
- vii. **Erin C. Conway, Psy.D.** having previously appeared for examination via Video Conference before an LSBEP Examining Committee consisting of Drs. Gibson, Gormanous and Moore on March 12, 2021. The Board reviewed and discussed Dr. Conway's updated documentation. The Board discussed the results of the examination and additional documentation in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Conway** has met the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that **Dr. Conway** 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) Gibson, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (1) Gormanous; Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

2. **Complaints Committee** –

- a. **Committee Report:** Mr. Owens reported for the period 7/24/21 – 8/27/21 as follows: 0 new *Request(s) for Investigation* were received or initiated; there are a total of 13 open investigations, 11 are active (one from FY17-18; one from FY19-20; ten from FY 20-21; and one from FY 21-22. Two are under review and not yet noticed. There are currently no formal hearings scheduled; no disciplinary actions were finalized during this period and no applications received with criminal background.
- b. **Committee Recommendations:**
 - i. **P20-21-18C** -- (*Complaint Investigation Committee (Committee) Assigned: Dr. Michelle Moore and Mr. Justin Owens*) – Mr. Owens presented this case to the Board in Executive Session related to an applicant for licensure with the LSBEP also licensed in another jurisdiction of the U.S. The Board thoroughly discussed this matter in Executive Session. Following Executive Session, Dr. Gormanous moved that staff seek consultation with General Counsel, Amy Low regarding the Board's authority and responsibility to report the matter to the proper jurisdiction. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

3. **Supervision/Credentials Committee** –

- a. **Committee Recommendations:** Dr. Moore reported on file reviews conducted in executive session as follows:
 - i. **Jeffrey Luria, Ph.D.** – Dr. Moore reviewed the Application for License via Certificate of Professional Qualifications of **Dr. Luria**. Finding that **Dr. Luria's** documentation was complete, Dr. Moore moved that the candidacy status of **Dr. Luria** be confirmed and that the Board invite **Dr. Luria** to complete the Oral Examination requirements for licensure. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by

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- roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
- ii. **Sonja V. Batten, Ph.D.** – Dr. Moore reviewed the Application for License via Certificate of Professional Qualifications of **Dr. Batten**. Finding that **Dr. Batten’s** documentation was complete, Dr. Moore moved that the candidacy status of **Dr. Batten** be confirmed and that the Board invite **Dr. Batten** to complete the Oral Examination requirements for licensure. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
 - iii. **Karen Froming, Ph.D.** – Dr. Moore reviewed the Reciprocity Application for License of **Dr. Froming** as a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology in Clinical Neuropsychology. Finding that **Dr. Froming’s** documentation was complete, Dr. Moore moved that the candidacy status of **Dr. Froming** be confirmed and that the Board invite **Dr. Froming** to meet face to face with the board to complete the requirements for licensure. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
 - iv. **Michael K. West, Ph.D.** – Dr. Moore reviewed the Reciprocity Application for License of **Dr. West** as a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology in Clinical Psychology. Finding that **Dr. West’s** documentation was complete, Dr. Moore moved that the candidacy status of **Dr. West** be confirmed and that the Board invite **Dr. West** to meet face to face with the board to complete the requirements for licensure. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
 - v. **Madison W. Silverstein, Ph.D.**– Dr. Moore reviewed the Application for License of **Dr. Silverstein**. Finding that **Dr. Silverstein’s** documentation was complete, Dr. Moore moved that the candidacy status of **Dr. Silverstein** be confirmed and that the Board invite **Dr. Silverstein** to complete the Oral Examination requirements for licensure. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
 - vi. **Philip R. Richard, Ph.D.** - Dr. Moore reviewed the Application for License of **Dr. Richard**. Finding that **Dr. Richard’s** documentation was complete, Dr. Moore moved that the candidacy status of **Dr. Richard** be confirmed and that the Board invite **Dr. Richard** to complete the Oral Examination requirements for licensure. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
 - vii. **Sandy B. Hyatt, Psy.D.** – Dr. Harness reviewed the Application for License of **Dr. Hyatt**. Finding that **Dr. Hyatt’s** documentation was complete, Dr. Harness moved that the candidacy status of **Dr. Hyatt** be confirmed and that the Board invite **Dr. Hyatt** to complete the Oral Examination requirements for licensure. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Gibson, Gormanous, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (1) Moore; Absent: (1) Sam.
 - viii. **Melissa M. Lane, Psy.D.** - Dr. Moore reviewed the Application for License of **Dr. Lane**. Finding that **Dr. Lane’s** documentation was complete, Dr. Moore moved that the candidacy status of **Dr. Lane** be confirmed and that the Board invite **Dr. Lane** to complete the Oral Examination requirements for licensure. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
 - ix. **Joseph W. Boffa, III, Ph.D.** - Dr. Moore reviewed the Application for License of **Dr. Boffa**. Finding that **Dr. Boffa’s** documentation was complete, Dr. Moore moved that the candidacy status of **Dr. Boffa**

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be confirmed and that the Board invite **Dr. Boffa** to complete the Oral Examination requirements for licensure. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

- x. **Burton Ashworth, Jr. Ph.D.** – The Board reviewed Dr. Ashworth’s application file for licensure and administrative notice of Executive Session mailed to Dr. Ashworth on September 22, 2021. Following executive session, Dr. Moore moved to remove Dr. Ashworth from Candidacy and deny licensure to Dr. Ashworth in accordance with the requirements under the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part LXIII. §105. E. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
 - xi. Dr. Moore reported that she reviewed the Applications for Provisional Licensure of Mallory B. Garza, Ph.D., Michael V. Garza, Ph.D., and Laura B. Braby, Psy.D. these applications were not complete for a recommendation but remain under consideration pending receipt of completed applications.
4. **Legislative Oversight Committee** – Dr. Gormanous shared a reference to an article published in the Wall Street Journal Article (8/24/2021) *Covid-19 Rekindles Debate Over License Requirements for Many Jobs: Hair styling and medical fields are among the occupations where state rules can bar entry; Biden has pushed for changes*. Dr. Gormanous reported that this article specifically mentions psychology and support for license compacts. Dr. Gormanous opined that although he generally supports state compacts, the psychology compact “PSYPact” by ASPPB has anti-trust impacts and the potential to negatively impact the LSBEP as well as the public. Dr. Gormanous reported that he will be watching for legislation regarding potential impacts related to this matter in future legislative sessions.
5. **Executive Committee Report** – Ms. Monic reported on the following:
- a. Legislative Performance Audit – Ms. Monic reminded the Board of the upcoming performance audit by the Legislative Auditor in late August 2021.
 - b. No updates in the matter Richard Marksbury vs. LSBEP.
 - c. Final Rules were published in the August 20, 2021 Louisiana Register related to the LAC:Title 46, Part LXIII. Chapter 6. Fees increasing the fees for Temporary Registrations and License Renewal Fees.
 - d. **Temporary Registration Report** – Ms. Monic reported the approval of two Temporary Registration for **Riley Aaron Nickols, Ph.D.** and **Andrea Hoferlin Winslett, Ph.D.**
 - e. **Monthly Operations/Updates** - Ms. Monic reported the following for June 2021:
 - i. 6 New applications were received, 140 Total Open applications
 - ii. 2 new Temporary Registration Application received
 - iii. 0 public records request filled
 - f. Meetings/appearances:
 - i. 7/29/2021 – Attorney General Training regarding Open Meetings, Public Records, Dual Office Holding and Governmental Ethics Training
 - ii. 7/30/2021 – Disciplinary Meeting in the matter P20-21-09C
 - iii. 8/13/2021 and 8/20/2021 – Proctored Cases for Orals with Drs. Moore, Harness and Gormanous.
 - g. Ms. Monic reported the Board banking accounts were compromised, due to a fraudulent check cashed inappropriately by the bank, on the Board’s account, causing delays in accounts payable and requiring transfer of funds to a new account. Dr. Gormanous emphasized for the record that this was not the fault of the LSBEP.

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- h. Complaint Oversight: Ms. Monic is currently filling the role of compliance officer on one matter that Mr. Owens is recused from; Ms. Monic and Mr. Owens continue to meet every other Wednesday to review complaint status and progress.

6. **Finance Committee** –

- a. Financial Statements – No financial reports available to review.

7. **Continuing Professional Development Report**

- a. CPD Committee Report on renewals – Dr. Gibson reported that she continues to review CPD reports for extensions as needed.
- b. Updates on LSBEP CPD offering by Dr. Antonio Puente on diversity, multicultural issues, etc. (finalizing organizing/arranging details including board goals & objectives, title, topical content, day/date, time, fees, marketing, etc.) – Dr. Moore reported that Zoom Webinar/Events had been secured and that Mr. McNeely agreed to create a flyer to advertise the event.
- c. Renewal Report – Ms. Monic provided the following renewal report:

The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists operates on a Fiscal Year from July 1 to June 30.

- *LSBEP received 65 Applications (61 for Licensed Psychologists 4 for LSSP)*
- *In 2020-21, this agency issued 42 licenses to qualified applicants for independent practice (39 LP'S and 3 LSSP's). Of those, 4 individuals were positive for a criminal history, no person was denied licensure due to the nature of their criminal history. There were 0 applicants denied licensure for the Calendar Year 2020 or FY 2020-21*
- *There are currently 140 records classified as "Applicants".*

OPEN RENEWALS: July 1, 2021

Active Licensed Psychologist - 775

Provisionally Licensed Psychologist - 15

Licensed Specialists in School Psychology – 28

CLOSING RENEWALS: August 1, 2021

742 - Licensed Psychologists

59 - Renewing at 1/2 fee - \$10,325 (amount does not include paper renewal or extension fees)

683 - Renewing at full fee - \$239,050

12 - Provisionally Licensed Psychologist - \$1200

25 - Licensed Specialists in School Psychology - \$2500

Total Renewal Fees 8/1/2021 \$253,075

Reinstatements to date after July 31, 2021:

7 - Psychologist Reinstatements - \$3,850

1 - PL Reinstatement - \$300

1 - LSSP Reinstatement - \$300

Total fees including reinstatements to date: \$257,525

Extensions: 11 Extensions granted for cause

Earl Capron was granted an exemption from reporting Continuing Professional Development having provided a statement that he is fully retired and not practicing.

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- d. 2021 Lapsed Licenses – Ms. Monic reported that 37 Psychologists, 3 LSSP’s and 4 Provisional Licenses were reported as Lapsed on July 31, 2021. One Psychologist reported as deceased. Lapsed letters were mailed via Certified mail. Lapsed Psychologists as of August 27, 2021:

License Number	Last Name	Suffix	First Name	Middle Name
1222	Davis	III	Thompson	Elder
938	Pinkston		James	B.
504	Speier		Karen	Rinardo
661	Boake	III	Corwin	
434	Crawford		Katheryn	Alice
871	Burnett		Darla	M.R.
1527	Johnson		Kelli	F.
1511	Nevin		Doris	Eileen
613	Seaver		Linda	Dietz
1494	Abbott		Dena	M.
920	Brown		Jessica	L.
718	Hodnett		Elizabeth	R.
342	Street		Jeanne	
1182	Kaimann		Carmen	Rita
1018	Kelly		Kathryn	E.
1346	Wischkaemper		Abigail	M.
334	Zakrzewski		Maria	
1029	Berner		Cielo	H.
297	Duncan		Cecil	
1305	Jennings		Lesajean	
883	Kelley		Deane	M.
897	Labrentz		Erica	L.
1157	Ledet		Sumer	N.
1563	Potts		Bradley	K.
1357	Radeke		JoAnn	T.
899	Rowley		Renee	L.
1447	Summers		Bryce	Bentley
407	Whiteman		Jerry	L.
889	Labrentz		Helmut	L.
1429	Barahona		Carolyn	
LSSP009	Jackson		Wealthia	
LSSP025	Verhalen		Cynthia	
1546PL	Olivieri		Margaret	Megan
1569PL	Boffa	III	Joseph	W.
1524PL	Quinn-Flye		Anita	S. Quinn

- e. Reinstatements – Ms. Monic reported Dr. Gibson reviewed and approved the following reinstatements retroactively.

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After receiving the report on lapsed licenses, extensions and retroactive reinstatements, Dr. Gormanous moved to affirm the actions of the Continuing Professional Development Committee in implementing and facilitating 2021 Renewals. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

8. **Jurisprudence Examination Committee** – No report.
9. **Public and Professional Outreach Committee** – No report.
10. **Liaison to Professional Organizations** – Dr. Gormanous reported that APA has conferred a taskforce to develop guidelines and address issues regarding approving masters level programs in psychology which will impact the LSBEP. Additionally, APA will be issuing a resolution on racism and is seeking individual or organizational comments. Dr. Gormanous reported that he shared the link to provide comments to BRASP, LPA and will also share with Dr. Gibson and Ms. Monic to share with board members.
11. **Long Range Planning Committee** – There were no reports from the workgroups.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Review and Approval of Minutes: July 23, 2021-** The Board reviewed and recommended corrections to the draft minutes of July 23, 2021. Dr. Gormanous moved to approve the minutes with corrections. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
2. **Review and Affirm the Appointment of Dr. Douglas W. Walker, Ph.D., to the Power-Based Violence Review Panel by Amy Henke, Psy.D. on June 25, 2021 in accordance with Act 124 of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session** - Ms. Monic reported that since there was not a Board Meeting scheduled to review candidates prior to the due date and it was within her authority, in accordance with Act 124 of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session, on June 25, 2021 Dr. Amy Henke appointed Dr. Douglas W. Walker to the Power-Based Violence Review Panel. Dr. Gormanous moved to affirm the action taken by Dr. Henke. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
3. **Policy and Opinion #12 Review related to preapproval of Supervised Practice Plans and approval of Provisional Licensure in Louisiana by Medical Psychologists not licensed with the LSBEP** - Dr. Moore summarized her concerns and provided a status that the matter was under review by General Counsel. Ms. Monic reported that a legal opinion had not yet been rendered.
4. **Ethics Advisory Opinion 2021-411 Issued 8/10/2021 RE: Utilization of Former Board Members** – Ms. Monic shared the Ethics Advisory Opinion related to the ability for the Board to utilize former Board Members who volunteer services within the two-year period immediately preceding their tenure. After discussion, Dr. Gormanous moved in favor of seeking clarity on the ability to formally appoint former board members to volunteer committees to serve the board and if acceptable appoint Dr. Amy Henke, should she be interested in volunteering, to the Long Range Planning Committee working on rules for the Registration of Unlicensed Assistants. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
5. **Proposal from Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana** – The Board reviewed the proposal from the Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana. The Board discussed some of the provisions within the agreement for services and approximate annual cost of \$16,000. No action was taken on this item.
6. **Psychologist Emergency Certificate (R.S. 28:2(30) and LSBEP Opinion #2)** - Dr. Gibson discussed the impacts of La. R.S. 28:2(30) related to a prerequisite number of years required for a psychologist to issue an

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emergency commitment. Particularly that 1) since this was not a provision within the board's practice act or regulations that there is a concern that there is a lack of awareness of the requirement by licensed psychologists; and 2) that the provision which prohibits a licensed psychologist from acting on the safety and welfare of their client and others, is harmful to individuals and the public. Dr. Gibson suggested the criteria was ambiguous and not based on any data that the public is better served by delaying the ability of licensed psychologists to fully engage in the scope of their practice by a requisite number of years and should be corrected. In the meantime, Dr. Gibson suggested educating psychologists through the jurisprudence examination, newsletter and website of the existence of this requirement.

7. **LSBEP Policy and Procedure** – Ms. Monic requested taking item “ii” under this discussion first while the discussion regarding the Healthcare Professionals’ Foundation of Louisiana was still fresh. Without objection, the matter was taken out of order:

ii. **Board Procedure related to Impaired Professionals when a self-report is made in the absence of a complaint and monitoring is requested** – Ms. Monic suggested an alternated procedure for individuals who self-report impairment, who do not have a complaint against them but who request an Impaired Psychologist Procedure Agreement and monitoring. This suggestion was made in light of increased reports of impairment in 2020; an immediate need for such a procedure; and the lack of an agreement with the Healthcare Professionals’ Foundation of Louisiana (HPFL) to allow for self-reporting and monitoring without the need to report to the National Practitioner Databank. The Board thoroughly discussed the matter but denied the request to implement such procedure.

i. **Board meetings/functions/frequency of meetings** – Ms. Monic provided an outline and considerations for delegations that would be required for the board to move toward meeting every other month and providing authority for individual board members to make decisions regarding non-contested licensing matters. After reviewing the matter and the amount of decision making involved, and in consideration of the ensuing Hurricane Ida that board and staff needed to prepare for, Dr. Moore moved to table the matter for discussion in September. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

At 4:31 p.m. Dr. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gibson, Gormanous, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

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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.

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