

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2010

The meeting of the *Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board)*, was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday January 8, 2010, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Jillandra Rovaris, Paul Dammers and John C. Courtney and Executive Director, Jaime Monic. Dr. Joseph Comaty was absent. The Board reviewed and revised the draft minutes of December 11, 2009 prepared by Ms. Monic. Dr. Courtney moved to accept the minutes of December 11, 2009 as revised. The motion passed.

Dr. Courtney moved to enter Executive Session to conduct file reviews and oral examinations pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1(4). The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows Rovaris - yea, Dammers - yea and Courtney - yea.

Dr. Rovaris moved to close Executive Session to enter the following:

Emily B. Russell, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Rovaris, Dammers and Courtney for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant Dr. Russell a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Leslie J. Rogers, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Rovaris, Dammers and Courtney for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Dammers moved that the Board grant Dr. Rogers a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

The **Supervision/Credentials Committee** conducted file reviews and made recommendations as follows:

Dr. Courtney, reported that additional information was received by **Diana Downing, Ph.D.** for reconsideration of the Board's decision of December 11, 2009. Dr. Courtney moved to table further review of this applicant pending receipt of additional internship documentation. The Board unanimously approved this motion.

Dr. Dammers, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Lindsay D. Clendaniel, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Clendaniel** and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Dammers, upon review of the petition for Emeritus Status and licensure file of **Harold Katz, Ph.D.** recommended that the Board grant **Dr. Katz's** request for Emeritus Status. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

The Board reviewed the October 2009 and November 2009 Financial Statements prepared by Ouida Nugent, CPA as well as the 2010-11 Budget. Dr. Dammers moved that the Board adopt the July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 budget as submitted by Ouida Nugent. The motion unanimously passed.

The Board reviewed the financial standing of the legal contract with Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Philips, LLC (Lloyd Lunceford and Amy Groves Lowe). Ms. Monic reported that as a result of the legal expenditures in the 2009-10FY, it is anticipated that the remaining contract balance will be exhausted prior to the end of the fiscal year. After reviewing additional information provided by Ms. Monic, Dr. Dammers moved to amend the contract for Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Philips, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$19,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Complaints Committee: Ms. Monic provided the following status report to the Board: “In the calendar year 2009 there were 33 requests for investigation, 14 were assigned for investigation and 19 were dismissed by the LSBEP as being without merit to warrant an investigation. 10 of the complaints assigned for investigation are still open. 1 investigation resulted in suspension of license and 1 investigation resulted in an impaired psychologist agreement.” Dr. Courtney moved that the annual report be included in the next newsletter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Rovaris moved that the complaints committee status report be a standard item in the newsletter and include prior year comparisons. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Coordinator: Dr. Courtney, Vice Chair of this committee reported that the Notice of Intent to amend LAC 46. LXIII. Chapters 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 15 and repeal Chapter 4 had been published in the December 20, 2009 Louisiana Register. Also that there were two bills being drafted for this legislative session that could potentially infringe on the scope of practice of psychology.

Long Range Planning Committee: Dr. Rovaris requested that Ms. Monic begin to gather information for the Long Range Planning Meeting and that the Board consider either April or May for tentative dates.

There was no report from the following committees: **Oral Examination Committee, Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards or Continuing Education Committee:**

Discussion Items:

Newsletter – Dr. Courtney moved to accept and publish the LSBEP Newsletter: Volume 23, Number 1, with the revision to include the complaint status report approved this date. The motion passed unanimously.

LPC Board – The Board revised a draft response to the LPC Board and unanimously approved its release.

LSBME Proposed Rules for regulating Medical Psychologists – The Board was provided a copy of the rules proposed by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) for the regulation of Medical Psychologists by the LSBME.

LAC 46.LXIII. Chapter 11. Supervision of Unlicensed Assistants in Providing Psychological Services – The Board reviewed revisions proposed by Dr. Courtney to the LAC 46. LXIII. Chapter 11 as a result of objections to the current rule by the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists and the Louisiana Psychological Association. After careful review and consideration Dr. Dammers moved that Chapter 11 be amended to replace the term “direct supervision” with the term and definition of “general supervision” yet maintain that the licensed psychologist is directly accountable for the provision of psychological services. The motion unanimously passed.

4:30 p.m. Adjourn