

**Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 20, 2010**

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Joseph Comaty, John C. Courtney, Tony Young, Rita Culross, and Lee Matthews; and, Executive Director, Jaime Monic. In partial attendance were Complaints Coordinator, C. Gary Pettigrew; Dr. Julie Nelson representing the Psychology Times newsletter; and, Nadia Webb representing the American Board of Pediatric Neuropsychology.

Dr. Courtney moved to accept the minutes of September 15, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Culross 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 Comaty – yea, Courtney – yea, Young – yea, Culross – yea and Matthews - yea

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

**JT vs. FWO/JL** - Dr. Pettigrew presented this case to the Board. After careful consideration and review, Dr. Culross moved to close this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

**NP vs. DA** - Dr. Pettigrew presented this case to the Board. After careful consideration and review, Dr. Culross moved to close this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

**ANON vs. MW** - Dr. Pettigrew presented this case to the Board. After careful consideration and review, Dr. Matthews moved to close this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

**J&DM vs. AP** - Dr. Pettigrew presented this case to the Board. After careful consideration and review, Dr. Culross moved to close this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

**LSBEP vs. CV** - Ms. Monic and Dr. Pettigrew presented this case to the Board. After careful consideration and review, Dr. Courtney moved to close this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

**Amie Allain, Ph.D.** appeared before Board members Comaty, Courtney, Young, Culross and Matthews for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Young moved that the Board grant Dr. Allain a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

**Charlene Louise Donovan, Ph.D.** appeared before Board members Comaty, Courtney Young, Culross and Matthews for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant Dr. Donovan a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

**Keenan Ray Ferrell, Psy.D.** appeared before Board members Comaty, Courtney Young, Culross and Matthews for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. Dr. Comaty moved that the Board grant Dr. Ferrell 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:

The Board reconsidered the application file for licensure of **Melani Wheeler, Ph.D.** in executive session. By Dr. Wheeler's request, the Board granted her the opportunity to present an oral and written statement. Dr.

Wheeler also availed herself to questions from the Board. After careful consideration of the points raised in Dr. Wheeler's request of September 27, 2010 and the oral and written comments provided by Dr. Wheeler, Dr. Courtney moved that the Board reaffirm its position of August 25, 2010. The motion passed by majority roll call vote as follows: Comaty – yea, Courtney – yea, Young – recused, Culross – yea and Matthews - yea

Dr. Matthews, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Jeffrey S. Lawley, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Lawley and invite him to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Kristin L. Callahan, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board provide clarifying letters to Dr. Callahan and her supervisor regarding scope of practice. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Matthews, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Lauren D. Vazquez, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Vazquez and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure pending passing EPPP Scores. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Tiffany A. Jennings, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Jennings and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure in Clinical Neuropsychology. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young, upon review of the application for reinstatement of license for **Miriam Tighe, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board invite Dr. Tighe to sit for the oral examination for reinstatement. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

After reviewing the application file for licensure of **Lisa Engel, Ph.D.**, Dr. Comaty moved that the file be considered abandoned and withdrawn from the application process (ref. PPM #4101). The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Anthony Paul Dubose, Psy.D.**, moved that Dr. Dubose be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective October 20, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Adam Christopher Payne, Ph.D.**, moved that Dr. Payne be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective October 20, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Daniel David Lee, Ph.D.**, moved that Dr. Lee be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective October 20, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** The Board reviewed the Basic Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2010, including the Independent Accountants' Review Report prepared by Mary Sue Stages, CPA.

**Ad hoc Committee: Behavioral Health Professionals Working Group (BHPWG) Representatives:** Drs. Young and Comaty reported that the BHPWG was beginning to move toward considering proposals to achieve the objectives of SCR 100. The next meeting date is scheduled for October 29, 2010.

**Long Range Planning/Awards Ceremony:** Dr. Comaty reported that the Awards Ceremony was still scheduled for the month of February.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: (See Discussion Item #1 for ASPPB Meeting Update)

There was no report from the following committees: Oral Examination Committee; Legislative Coordinator; Continuing Education; Supervision/Credentials Review; or Complaints Committee

**Discussion Items:**

ASPPB Annual Meeting Summary – Dr. Young presented an overview of the ASPPB Meeting. He reported that the main focus of the meeting was on continuing competence and telepsychology and summarized these topics. Dr. Comaty moved that these issues be considered at the Board’s Long Range Planning Meeting. The motion unanimously passed. Dr. Comaty also reported that ASPPB’s Mid-winter meeting was scheduled to take place in Orlando, FL and recommended that rooms be reserved in advance for those interested in attending due to limited availability. The Board agreed with this recommendation. Dr. Comaty also reported that revisions to ASPPB’s Model Practice Act passed.

Inquiry regarding Telepsychology – After reviewing several requests for the Board’s opinion regarding practices involving telepsychology, the Board agreed that in any case involving the practice of ‘telepsychology’, in order to lawfully provide psychological services in Louisiana or advertise that one is qualified to do so, licensure under the jurisdiction of the LSBEP is required and necessary in order for the Board to carry out its duty to protect the people of this state against unauthorized, unqualified, and improper application of psychology. Additionally, the Board considers the location of the patient/client as the point of service, and would not favor the practice of telepsychology without a previously established patient/client relationship.

LSBEP/LSBME Memorandum of Understanding - Ms. Monic reported that the LSBME was still reviewing the last proposed draft.

Supervision Toward Licensure – Dr. Comaty read a draft of the proposed opinion being considered by the Board regarding qualifications of supervisors toward licensure. The Board approved the draft for consideration by the LSBME prior to formally adopting the opinion.

Petition from ABPdN – The Board discussed the petition of Theodore Wasserman, Ph.D. on behalf of the American Board of Pediatric Neuropsychology. Dr. Nadia Webb, representing ABPdN, was present for the discussion to answer questions and provide information regarding APBdN. After review and discussion of the of the petition and the rules governing Clinical Neuropsychology (CN), Dr. Comaty recommended that the board look at Chapter 3 in its entirety with the intent of studying the current policies and procedures of examining individuals for licensure who are specializing in CN; with the intent of adding ABPdN; and, for the purpose of providing consistency with licensing issues. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation and the tabled the item for the Long Range Planning Meeting agenda.

Early Intensive Behavioral Interventions (EIBI) – The Board discussed the initiative of the state to implement EIBI services as part of its healthcare redesign project and the need to remain vigilant about the possible impact such implementation could have on the practice of psychology.

LAC: Chapter 13. Ethical Standards of Psychologists – The Board discussed the revisions of the APA Code of Ethics. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board revise the LAC: Title 46. Part LXIII. Chapter 13 to require that psychologists follow the “current” version of the APA Ethical Principles and Code of Ethics adopted by the American Psychological Associations Counsel of Representatives. The motion passed unanimously.

LSBEP Workshop Topics – The Board discussed workshop topics for its January meeting in Shreveport. Topics include the current ethical principles and code of ethics; general issues with telepsychology;

supervision of assistants; supervision leading toward licensure; differential diagnosis; and changes in the DSM V.

Attorney General Opinion #09-0221 – Ms. Monic updated the LSBEP with regard to its request for AG Opinion 09-0221 pertaining to the transfer of medical psychology to the LSBME. In light of the fact that the LSBEP and LSBME agreed upon a procedure for the initial transfer of medical psychologists, and completed that transfer prior to the December 31, 2009 deadline, and in further considering that the AG had not yet rendered an opinion on the request, Dr. Comaty moved that the Board revise its request to omit the fourth question pertaining to the transfer of records. The motion unanimously passed.

LSBEP Statutory Reference Portfolio – Online – Dr. Courtney moved to approve the online LSBEP Statutory Reference Portfolio for publication on the revised website. The motion unanimously passed.

LAC: Title 46. Part XLV. Medical Psychologists – The Board reviewed the revisions proposed by the LSBME regarding the practice of medical psychology. The Board remained concerned that the language proposed by LSBME to clarify LAC, Title 46, Part XLV. Subpart 3. Ch 72. Subchapter A. §7207.A.3. did not adequately address the ambiguity presented by the section, which conflicts with a psychologists scope of practice and LSBEP Opinion #001 pertaining to psychopharmacology assessment and/or consultation in psychological practice. Dr. Courtney agreed to contact Dr. Marier to discuss the issue further.

4:30 p.m. Adjourn