

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2010

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday, December 10, 2010, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Joseph Comaty, Tony Young, Rita Culross, and Lee Matthews; and, Executive Director, Jaime Monic. Board Member, Dr. John Courtney, was in partial attendance. Also in partial attendance was Dr. Paul Frick representing the UNO Department of Psychology.

Dr. Matthews moved to accept the minutes of November 12, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

P09-10-08C - Dr. Pettigrew presented this case to the Board. The Board, after careful consideration, accepted the Consent Order proposed by Dr. Donald Hoppe, for the informal resolution of this matter by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Comaty – yea, Young – yea, Courtney – yea, Culross – yea and Matthews - yea

NP09-10-13C – Dr. Pettigrew presented this case and the recommendation of the investigator to the Board. After review and discussion, Dr. Courtney moved that the matter be scheduled for hearing due to the lack of response of the supervising psychologist. The Board unanimously approved this motion by roll call vote as follows: Comaty – yea, Young – yea, Courtney – yea, Culross – yea and Matthews - yea

LSBEP vs. DJ (NP) - This matter, involving the unlicensed practice of psychology and advertising of psychological services was remanded for further investigation by the Board. Dr. Comaty was approved as investigating officer for the matter.

PF vs. AT/LT – Dr. Pettigrew presented this case and recommendation. Dr. Matthews moved to dismiss the matter without further action. The Board unanimously approved this motion.

BRTC - (NP) - Redacted confidential name 4128117 CM

The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Lieberman which addressed the full compliance of his client. The Board, having previously considered the matter resolved, had no further recommendation on the matter.

Margaret Hauck, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Young, Courtney, Culross and Matthews for an oral examination to reinstate her license #707. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board reinstate Dr. Hauck's license to practice psychology with declared specialties in Clinical and Clinical Neuropsychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Brian M. Esteve, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Culross and Matthews for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant Dr. Esteve a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in School Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

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

Dr. Matthews, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Amanda M. Norris, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Norris and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board accepted this recommendation by majority vote, Dr. Young recused.

Dr. Culross, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Birgit Smart, Ph.D.**, recommended an additional 3 months and 500 hours (including one hour per week in general/professional supervision) to meet the supervision requirements for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Marc Alan Quillen, Ph.D.**, recommended that Dr. Quillen be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective December 10, 2010 through the remainder of this calendar year. Dr. Comaty also recommended approval of Dr. Quillen's request for temporary registration for the 2011 calendar year. The Board unanimously accepted these recommendations.

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Krishnan Mohandie, Ph.D.**, recommended that Dr. Mohandie be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective January 1, 2011. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Adam Christopher Payne, Ph.D.**, recommended that Dr. Payne be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective January 1, 2011. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation, Dr. Comaty recused.

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Anthony Paul Dubose, Psy.D.**, recommended that Dr. Dubose be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective January 1, 2011. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation, Dr. Comaty Recused.

Committee Reports:

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Dr. Matthews reported that the Board was moving forward with plans to attend ASPPB's 2011 Midyear Meeting.

Complaints Committee: Ms. Monic updated the Board concerning negotiations for a complaint investigator. Dr. Comaty recommended the search for a contract investigator be opened to former board members and then to the general population of psychologists. The Board approved this recommendation and determined a maximum contract amount of \$12,000 with an hourly reimbursement for services at \$60.

Continuing Education: Dr. Young updated the Board on his progress on developing requirements for reviewing continued competencies for licensees to be reviewed in depth at the 2011 LRP meeting.

Long Range Planning/Awards Ceremony: Dr. Comaty reported that the Board would conduct long range planning January 14 – 15, 2011 and the Annual Awards Ceremony February 25, 2011.

Ad hoc Committee: Behavioral Health Professionals Working Group (BHPWG) Representatives: Drs. Young and Comaty provided the November 17, 2010 Minutes of the BHPWG and reported that the group also met on December 8, 2010. Dr. Young provided a summary of the groups meeting on 12/8/10.

There was no report from the following committees: Finance; Oral Examination; Legislative Coordinator; Supervision/Credentials Review.

Discussion Items:

LAC: Title 46, Part XLV, Medical Psychologists – Dr. Courtney reported that he had spoken with Dr. Jim Quillen of the MPAC (LSBME) concerning LAC, Title 46, Part XLV, Subpart 3, Ch. 72, Subchapter A, §7207.A.3. Dr. Courtney reported that Dr. Quillen understood the issue and agreed to further discuss the matter with the MPAC.

Developmental Psychology (UNO) – The Board reviewed the history of Developmental (DV) Psychology as a specialty in Louisiana including information developed by LSBEP in 1995 concerning the recognition of the competencies of the developmental psychologist based on a DV's minimum required training. Dr. Paul Frick was available for this discussion and presented the Board with UNO's curriculum in developmental psychology. Dr. Frick's primary concern was that the Board felt that UNO graduate students were not competent to engage in forensic activities. Dr. Frick supported the competence of UNO graduate students to engage in forensic activities based on academic coursework and clinical practicum training. The Board agreed that it was within the scope of practice for Developmental Psychologists to gain competence in forensic activities, which is an area of "special proficiency". However, stressed understanding that merely gaining experience in an area, would not qualify UNO graduates for a license to practice under any specialty designation other than Developmental. It was explained that to qualify for other "specialty designations", licensure applicants must meet the training requirements of R.S. Title 37 Chapter 28 and the LA Administrative Code, Title 46, Part 63 (specifically Chapters 3 and 7). And those applying for the Neuropsychology specialty must meet the additional requirements in LAC 46, Part 63, Section 307. Alternatively, after licensure, the Board further recognizes the ability of psychologists to expand their scope into another recognized specialty. However, would require obtaining training in accordance with *APA's Policy on Training for Psychologists Seeking to Change their Specialty, and Guidelines for Respecialization*.

LPC Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations – The Board reviewed the newly posted "LPC Guidelines for Conducting Child Custody Evaluations" Concerns were raised regarding this publication since Child Custody Evaluations (CCE) are not within the scope of practice of a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC); the fact that there are at least 5 references within the document that advise those LPC's who are doing CCE's to do "psychological" evaluations of the participants which is a blatant violation of the Psychology Statute; the guidelines advise those LPC's doing CCEs to know "how to address issues such as mental health, medication use, and learning or physical disabilities; and also the timing of the publication is concerning, as representatives of both Boards participate in the Behavioral Health Professional Working Group to achieve the goals of SCR 100. Drs. Comaty and Young reported that this matter was a point of discussion with the Behavioral Health Professional Working Group at their 12/8/10 meeting. The Board unanimously agreed that a notification outlining the Board's concerns, including a request to retract the guidelines, be sent to the LPC Board of Examiners.

Records Retention Schedule- The Board reviewed the Records Retention Schedule. The Board approved a motion by Dr. Culross to revise the schedule to add "oral rating sheet, renewal form and written examination papers" to Item No. 21, and remove "written examination papers" from Item No. 24.

Annual Renewal of Temporary Registrations – The Board reviewed concerns regarding annual requests to renew Temporary Registrations. Ms. Monic suggested that the matter be added to the Long Range Planning agenda for discussion of the need to define temporary, as opposed to part-time, practice.

March Meeting (Alexandria, LA) – The Board discussed moving forward with hosting a Continuing Education activity in Alexandria, LA. Ms. Monic was directed to conduct a survey to determine the interest in attending such activity in Alexandria, LA for consideration in January.

AG Opinion 09-0221 – The Board received and reviewed the opinion received from the Attorney General which opinion was requested to clarify issues surrounding licensing, records and board membership.

Office of Juvenile Justice/School Professionals – The Board discussed concerns over reports that the BESE was contracting with OJJ to engage Certified School Psychologists (with BESE) to conduct psychological evaluations and render diagnosis and recommendations for OJJ. The Board agreed this practice would be inappropriate. Dr. Comaty agreed to follow up on the validity of these reports.

4:30 p.m. Adjourn