

*Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists*  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
*March 12, 2010*

The meeting of the *Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board)*, was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday March 12, 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.

Dr. Courtney moved to accept the minutes of February 12, 2010. 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:

**P09-10-05B** – Ms. Monic presented this matter along with the recommendation of the investigator to the Board. After careful consideration and review, Dr. Courtney moved to close this matter without further action. The motion passed unanimously.

**Status: Bond vs. LSBEP** – Ms. Monic informed the Board that an Amicus Brief had been filed on behalf of several non-profit groups; that Judge McClendon recused himself from this matter causing oral argument to be continued and that a new date for oral argument had been set for May 12, 2010.

**Amy M. Henke, Psy.D.** appeared before Board members Rovaris and Dammers for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Courtney recused himself from this examination. Without a majority present, consideration of the committee recommendation for licensure was postponed until a majority of the board can be convened.

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

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

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

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Rebecca S. Tabony, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Tabony** and invite her to sit for the jurisprudence examination and face to face meeting with the board for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Elizabeth A. Burk, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Burk** and invite her to sit for the jurisprudence examination and face to face meeting with the board for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Dammers, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Dayna Marie Nelson, Psy.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Nelson** and invite her to sit for the jurisprudence examination and face to face meeting with the board for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Darci R. Morgan, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Morgan** and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure pending passing scores on the National Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP). The Board accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney noted for the record that **Krishnan Mohandie, Ph.D.** requested to withdraw his Application for Temporary Registration.

Applications Reviewed and Withdrawn under PPM 4101:

After reviewing applicant file materials whose files have had no activity as prescribed under LSBEP PPM4101, by motion of Dr. Courtney the following applicants were withdrawn from the application process by unanimous roll call vote of the members present: Sheryl Lee Adams, Ph.D., Gail Driskill Lambeth, Ph.D., Andrew S. Rubin, Ph.D., Kathleen J. Sexton-Radek, Ph.D. and Ivory A. Toldson, Ph.D.

After reviewing candidate file materials whose files have had no activity as prescribed under LSBEP PPM 4101 or have not met the requirements for successfully passing the EPPP in three attempts or within 4 years, by motion of Dr. Dammers the following candidates were withdrawn from the application process by unanimous roll call vote of the members present: James Abec, Ph.D., Frances A. Kelley, Ph.D., Amy C. Mayberry, Psy.D., Christy Kleinsorge, Ph.D., William Vincent McDermott, Ph.D., Brenda Wall, Ph.D., Katherine J. Aucoin, Ph.D., and Julie A. Alvarez, Ph.D.

Finance Committee:

The Board reviewed the January 2010 Financial Statements prepared by Ouida Nugent, CPA.

Contracts 2009-10FY

Dr. Courtney moved that the Board adopt the following Resolution for legal services for fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with the legal firm of Taylor, Porter, Brooks, and Phillips, LLC.

*WHEREAS the LSBEP is in need of more than one attorney because of possible conflicts of interests in complaint cases wherein the LSBEP may request opinions and direction from its attorney, it*

*THEREFORE RESOLVES that the Board's contract for legal services with the firm of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP, be renewed for fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, at the following rates of pay which reflect the current rates approved by the Attorney General's office, and not to exceed a maximum of \$14,000 for that period.*

*\$175 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS HAVING EXPERIENCE OF TEN YEARS OR MORE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW*

*\$150 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS HAVING EXPERIENCE OF FIVE TO TEN YEARS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW*

*\$125 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS HAVING EXPERIENCE OF THREE TO FIVE YEARS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW*

*\$100 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS HAVING EXPERIENCE OF LESS THAN THREE YEARS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW*

*\$45 PER HOUR FOR PARALEGAL SERVICES*

*\$25 PER HOUR FOR LAW CLERK SERVICES*

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Courtney moved that the Board adopt the following Resolution for legal services for fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with the legal firm of McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC.

*WHEREAS the LSBEP is in need of more than one attorney because of possible conflicts of interests in complaint cases wherein the LSBEP may request opinions and direction from its attorney, it*

*THEREFORE RESOLVES that the Board's contract for legal services with the firm of McGlinchey Stafford, PLLP, be initiated for fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, at the following rates of pay which reflect the current rates approved by the Attorney General's office, and not to exceed a maximum of \$9,000 for that period.*

*\$175 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS HAVING EXPERIENCE OF TEN YEARS OR MORE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW*

*\$150 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS HAVING EXPERIENCE OF FIVE TO TEN YEARS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW*

*\$125 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS HAVING EXPERIENCE OF THREE TO FIVE YEARS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW*

*\$100 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS HAVING EXPERIENCE OF LESS THAN THREE YEARS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW*

*\$45 PER HOUR FOR PARALEGAL SERVICES*

*\$25 PER HOUR FOR LAW CLERK SERVICES*

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Courtney moved that the contract with C. Gary Pettigrew, Ph.D., for Complaints Coordination be continued through fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011, not to exceed a maximum amount of \$4,000. That fee schedule should reflect the following:

*\$90 Upon completion of a review of a Request for Investigation with a recommendation to the LSBEP*

*\$90 Per hour for all meetings, including meetings with attorneys and preliminary hearings*

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Courtney moved that the contract with Ouida Nugent, CPA, for professional accounting services be continued through fiscal year July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011, not to exceed a maximum amount of \$5,000. That fee schedule should reflect the following:

*\$700 for preparation of the annual financial report, payable upon completion and approval of said report by the Board.*

*\$50 per hour for other accounting services, payable on a monthly basis and upon receipt of an itemized statement of services performed.*

The motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Courtney moved that the contract with Sparkhound, for information technology services be continued through fiscal year July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011, not to exceed a maximum amount of \$5,000. That fee schedule should reflect the following:

*\$95 per month web hosting*

*\$400 annual security certificate*

*\$100 per hour IT Support*

The Board discussed and approved a 3% pay increases for Jaime Monic and Jacqueline Lively.

**Legislative Committee:** Ms. Monic reported that the Legislative opens the 2010 Regular Session on Monday, March 29, 2010.

**Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards:** Ms. Monic reported that a meeting with this committee and the LPC Board is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2010, however, to date, no agenda has been provided by the meeting facilitator (the LPC Board).

**Long Range Planning Committee:** - Ms. Monic reported that the details of the LRP meeting in New Orleans were still being worked out.

**Jurisprudence Examination Committee:** Dr. Courtney reported that he is reviewing the Jurisprudence Examination for discrepancies that may have occurred with the passing of Act 251 as well as drafting standard feedback for the Board to have when reviewing results with candidates.

There was no report from the following committees: **Continuing Education Committee; Complaints Committee or Oral Examination Committee:**

**Discussion Items:**

*Collaborating with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners* – After much consideration and consultation with Attorney Luncford, Dr. Courtney moved to accept the modifications proposed by Attorney Luncford for the “Memorandum of Understanding” in order to facilitate cooperation on all matters pertaining to the shared regulatory role over the practice of psychology.

*2010 Regular Legislative Session* – The Board reviewed and discussed possible implications of HB 114; HB197; SB32 and HB180.

*Jurisprudence Examination* – Dr. Courtney recommended that this matter be tabled until he could complete his review and draft feedback for the examination. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

4:30 p.m. Adjourn