

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: December 13, 2013
APPROVED: January 24, 2014

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:39 a.m., **Friday, December 13, 2013**, at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett, Jessica Brown, Phil Griffin; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Dr. Jesse Lambert and Dr. Kim VanGeffen were present for the public hour.

Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the December 13, 2013 agenda. Dr. Zimmermann moved that the minutes of October 11, 2013 be accepted. Dr. Burnett moved that the minutes of November 7, 2013 be accepted with minor grammatical corrections.

Pursuant to **LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4)**, Dr. Culross moved to enter Executive Session to review legal matters, conduct oral exams and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Brown-yay and Griffin-yay.

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

Complaint Review/Legal Matters: Closed Session (LSA-R.S. 42:6.1):

a. LSBEP v. TRP-NP*: Ms. Parker presented the Board with information regarding a non-licensed individual who was possibly practicing as a psychologist. The Board reviewed and discussed the information carefully. Dr. Zimmermann moved to issue a cease and desist order. The motion passed unanimously.

b. NP13-14-1B: The Board reviewed the Respondent's submission filed in reply to the Board's cease and desist order. The Board discussed the information. Dr. Culross moved to write the Respondent another letter outlining the outstanding issues with his practicing without a license, which was not acknowledged, in his reply. The motion passed by full vote of the Board.

c. P12-13-14C: Ms. Parker presented an executed Consent Order for review. The Board reviewed and discussed the document. Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Brown-yay.

d. P12-13-11B update: Ms. Parker informed the Board that the Respondent accepted the Board's final Order and Opinion. The Respondent waived his right to appeal and agreed to the terms of the Order.

e. LAMD*: Ms. Parker presented the Board with information submitted to the office concerning a Internet listing advertising nonlicensed individuals as psychologists. The Board reviewed the information and discussed possible action. Dr. Culross moved to issue a cease and desist letter to the company. The motion passed unanimously.

Oral Examinations:

The oral examination of Jennifer Craft-Favazza, Ph.D. was canceled at the request of the candidate.

Chavez Phelps, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination in School Psychology. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant **Dr. Phelps** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in School Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Caitlin Singletary, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination in Counseling Psychology. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant **Dr. Singletary** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Counseling Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Shannae Harness, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Zimmermann moved that the Board grant **Dr. Harness** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Bithiah Reed, Ph.D., ABPP reciprocity candidate, successfully passed the Jurisprudence examination and met with the full Board. Dr. Brown moved that the Board grant Dr. Reed a Clinical Psychology license to practice in Louisiana. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

The Board discussed the LSBEP opinion allowing medical psychologists to supervise postdoctoral candidates. The Board opined that the opinion is still the opinion of the current board. The Board discussed the previous attorney-client legal advice provided by board counsel regarding the issue.

Dr. Brown reviewed the application for licensure files of Julie Becker Cretu, Psy.D., Melissa Dufrene, Psy.D., and Doreen Granpeesheh.. Dr. Brown moved to approve their **candidacy status** and invite them to take oral examinations. The Board discussed the file and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed and recommended the Board grant Emeritus status to Marina Granich, Ph.D. The motion passed by full vote of the Board.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the criminal background check report of **Guler Boyraz, Ph.D.** Dr. Zimmermann moved to request additional information regarding the charges. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the criminal background check report of **F. Cal Robinson, Ph.D.** Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the report and allow Dr. Robinson to proceed with reinstatement. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by full vote of the Board.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the additional information submitted by **Gilbert Martinez, Ph.D.** regarding the criminal history report. Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the report and allow Dr. Martinez to proceed with licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and recommended acceptance of the Supervised Practice Plans of: **Stephen Anen, Ph.D., Jenna Rosen, Psy.D., L. Suzanne Klenck, Ph.D. Kimberly Smith, Ph.D.** . The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed additional materials received regarding the Non-APA internship program of **Patricia Corneilious, Ph.D.** Dr. Burnett recommended the Board accept the Non-APA internship program. After careful consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed the special request of **Karen Sheridan, Ph.D.** Dr. Sheridan requested copies of the documents in the Board's file. The Board discussed this request carefully. Dr. Griffin moved to deny the request for copies but instead provide Dr. Sheridan with any specific information she may need. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay, and Brown-yay.

Dr. Culross reviewed the special request of **Sharissa Taylor, Ph.D.** The Board reviewed the course information submitted by Dr. Taylor. Dr. Culross moved to advise Dr. Taylor that the course would be sufficient for licensure and upon completion of the course, she would need to reapply for licensure. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Brown-yay.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: The Board discussed the financial arrangement with LBAB. Ms. Parker informed the Board that the annual budget would be due next month.

Oral Examination Committee: Dr. Zimmermann presented case vignettes for review. The Board reviewed the case vignettes. Dr. Burnett moved to accept and include the new case vignettes. The motion passed unanimously.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: No new report.

Legislative Oversight Committee: Dr. Culross updated the group regarding the proposed school specialist legislation. Dr. Burnett reported that letters of education regarding provisional licensure were sent to the LPC Board, the Social Work Board, and the LSBME. The LPC Board responded to the letter and did not have any issue the proposed legislation. Dr. Burnett mentioned that she spoke to Dr. Mouton with the LSBME and believed they were okay with the proposed provisional licensure.

Dr. Burnett also mentioned she spoke to the LPC Executive Director and LA Counseling Association's contact Cindy Nardini. The Social Work Board also responded to the provisional letter indicating that they would be passing the information on to the professional organization for feedback. Ms. Parker reported that Deb Harkins, Esquire, was assisting the Board with finding a legislative sponsor for both pieces of legislation for this session. Ms. Parker presented the Board with public comments regarding Emeritus status. The Board acknowledged the comments of: Barry Schwartz, Ph.D., William Waters, Ph.D., Marsha Redden, Ph.D., Tommy Stigall, Ph.D., Frank Bennett, Ph.D., and William Costelloe, Ph.D. The Board carefully reviewed and discussed the comments. Dr. Culross directed Ms. Parker to research the topic further and seek information from other states. Ms. Parker agreed to do so. Dr. Griffin offered to contact former Board members regarding the initial intent of an Emeritus license. Dr. Zimmermann also offered to do so.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Ms. Parker presented the Board with the Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards brochure. The Board also reviewed and discussed the MOU between LSBEP and LSBME.

Continuing Education: Ms. Parker reported to the Board that she was currently working on obtaining model CE forms for the new CE rule from ASPPB. Dr. Zimmermann addressed the group regarding LAMP CEs. The Board discussed the recent article in The Psychology Times regarding medical psychologists and LAMP CEs as well. The Board opined that the professional organization has remedied the organizational issue and that they would not do anything retroactively regarding LAMP CEs.

Complaints Committee: Ms. Parker informed the Board that Dr. Conni Patterson, former Board Investigator and current Complaint Consultant, is resigning from her position with the Board as of December 15, 2013.

Long Range Planning Meeting: No new report.

Provisional License Task Force: This matter was reported under Legislative Oversight Committee.

School Specialist Task Force: This matter was reported under Legislative Oversight Committee.

LBAB/LSBEP Dual Regulation Workgroup: Dr. Zimmermann reported that the BA Board received legal advice regarding sharing resources for joint investigations from their attorney. The Board discussed the information.

Discussion Items:

1. **Texas Reciprocity Agreement:** The Board reviewed the Texas Reciprocity Agreement. Dr. Culross moved to write to the Texas Board and inform them of the Board's decision to cancel the agreement effective June 30, 2014 or possibly revise the agreement.

2. **Telepsychology Task Force:** Dr. Griffin agreed to head the Telepsychology Task Force. Dr. Griffin agreed to include Darlene Nemeth, Ph.D. and Joseph Comaty, Ph.D. since they showed interest at the recent Long Range Planning meeting. Dr. Griffin mentioned that he would seek others with an expertise in telepractice.

3. **Draft of Updated Policy & Procedures Manual:** The Board reviewed some revisions to the Policy & Procedures Manual. Dr. Burnett offered to assist Ms. Parker with the revisions.

4. **2014 Board Meeting Dates:** The Board designated the following meetings dates: January 24th, February 21st, March 21st, April 25th, May 16th and June 20th.

3:55 p.m. Adjourned.