

Louisiana Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners

Minutes for January 10, 2020

10:15 am – 12:01 pm

1. Meeting called to order and in attendance were Beth Drury, Heather Watson, Karen Harrison, Paul Fontana, Crystal Younger, and Ashley Lastrapes.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
3. Board member positions were discussed and voted on with the following results:
  - a. Crystal Younger – Chairperson
  - b. Karen Harrison – Vice Chairperson
  - c. Ashley Lastrapes – Secretary
  - d. Beth Drury – Treasurer
  - e. Paul Fontana – Member at Large
4. New Applicants:
  - a. Dorothy Greene: The Board voted to grant a full reciprocal license as Ms. Greene was previously licensed as a vocational rehabilitation counselor in the state of Utah.
  - b. Holly McLendon: The Board voted to grant provisional licensure to Ms. McLendon.
  - c. Ashley Barbier: The Board voted to grant provisional licensure to Ms. Barbier.
  - d. Elizabeth Peralta: The Board voted to approve the request for full licensure.
5. New Business:
  - a. Eight individuals were placed in inactive status for failure to renew their license by 10/01/19.

- b. Board Fees: The increase of Board fees was discussed further as the Board has not increased fees since 1989. The Board is unable to increase fees without opening the Practice Act, as the fees are stated in the statutes. Mr. Fontana will seek counsel on the process of opening the Practice Act prior to the Louisiana Legislative Session. Once completed, the Board will participate in a conference call to discuss the Practice Act further.
6. The next meeting was scheduled for July 10, 2020 at 10:00 am. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm.