

Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board
4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150,
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: January 4, 2023
(Approved February 9, 2023)

The meeting of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (Board) was noticed and called to order by Board Member, Courtney Wright at 8:46 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Present were Board Members: Courtney Wright, Alfred Tuminello, Jr., Renee Cole, Rebecca Mandal-Blasio, Daniela Riofrio, Executive Director Rhonda Boe and Executive Administrator, Krysta Babin. Angela Murray arrived at 9:12 a.m. Joseph Tuminello, III was absent.

A motion was made by Ms. Riofrio to approve the agenda for the January 4, 2023 meeting. None opposed and the motion passed.

Pursuant to LSA R.S. 42:6.1(4), Ms. Wright moved to enter Executive Session at 8:47 a.m. for credential file reviews, complaints, lapsed renewals submitted and review CE Reporting forms.

Ms. Babin left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Murray closed Executive Session at 11:51 a.m.

Ms. Murray began the Open Meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Ms. Babin returned to the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Ms. Murray made a motion to approve the November minutes. None opposed and the motion passed. Ms. Boe will have the December minutes prepared for the February meeting.

Attorney James Raines arrived at the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

The following was reported regarding the credential file reviews:

Licensure Applicants 1.23/A, 1.23/B and 1.23/C were reviewed and approved for licensure.

Ms. Babin left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

The status of other applicants reviewed at the January meeting are listed below in the Credential File Reviews.

Complaints Committee:

Ms. Boe presented the following report on behalf of Complaints Coordinator, Ellen Brocato:

2021-014C Attorney for respondent confirmed Voluntary Surrender has been signed and mailed but not yet received by the board office.

2022-009C Investigation ongoing.

2023-010B Investigation beginning.

Ms. Boe presented several renewals received for individuals who were never registered with the board and may require investigation.

Renewal Issue 1 – Ms. Murray made a motion to open a board initiated complaint. None opposed and the motion passed. Dr. Mandal-Blasio abstained.

Renewal Issue 2 – Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to open a board initiated complaint. None opposed and the motion passed.

Renewal Issue 3 – Ms. Wright made a motion to open a board initiated complaint. None opposed and the motion passed.

Renewal Issue 4 – Ms. Cole made a motion to open a board initiated complaint. None opposed and the motion passed.

Renewal Issue 5 – Ms. Riofrio made a motion to open a board initiated complaint. None opposed and the motion passed.

Finance Committee:

Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve the LSBEP invoice for December if no apparent discrepancies noted. None opposed and the motion passed.

Ms. Boe advised to the volume of renewals processed, the December financials were not complete and would be presented at the February meeting.

Jurisprudence Committee:

Tables to March

Legislative Oversight Committee:

Ms. Boe advised the amended rules were published in December register and are posted on the board's website.

Discussion began on a proposed rule request for licensure by reciprocity received by the board. The board's Attorney, James Raines, presented the issue to the Board. After discussion, and pursuant to a motion, the Board voted unanimously to deny the proposed rule for licensure by reciprocity as it failed to comply with La. R.S. 37:3704(6), the Board finding that the proposed rule allowed for the licensure of applicants by standards less stringent than those of Louisiana. Raines presented a proposed order to the Board, which the Board approved. The board requested Raines notify the requestor of the Board's order.

Dr. Grant Gautreaux arrived at 1:06 p.m.

Policies and Procedures Committee:

The rule requested listed in the agenda under this committee was discussed during Legislative Oversight.

Continuing Education Committee:

The board reviewed Continuing Education Reporting Forms received with renewals for approval and/or auditing during Executive Session.

Supervision Oversight Committee:

No new business

Long Range Planning:

Review and update Policy and Procedures (ongoing).

Discussion Items:

Dr. Gautreaux wanted to share information he obtained as part of a commission he was invited to join concerning Related Services in Public Schools. The passage of Act 696 granted providers in-school access to deliver related services after meeting the guidelines which vary among the school districts. The commission's goal is to ensure children get the services they need. Schools can provide related services with their own staff; however, the profession of Behavior Analysts is exempt from licensure in Bulletin 746 while other professions require Louisiana licensure. There has been discussion about Para-professionals performing a dual role as behavior technicians also. The board discussed some of the barriers listed in the guidelines that make it difficult to provide services to the children in-school. The board will be interested in how Para-professionals will be trained to provide ABA services as well as how they would be supervised.

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Boe reminded the board about the Regulatory Academy Workshop on 2-10-23 and determined who needed hotel rooms so she could make the reservations.

Ms. Murray adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

CREDENTIAL FILE REVIEWS:

After review of the reports, explanations, and documents, the following occurred:

- 1.23/1 Ms. Wright made a motion to again request the information required for review and table to the next board meeting. None opposed.
- 1.23/2 Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed. Ms. Murray abstained.
- 1.23/3 Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed. Ms. Cole abstained.
- 1.23/4 Ms. Cole made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 1.23/5 Ms. Cole made a motion to approve if results match exactly when results received. None opposed.
- 1.23/6 Ms. Murray made a motion to request additional information and review at next board meeting. None opposed.
- 1.23/7 Ms. Murray made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 1.23/8 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve if results match exactly when results received. None opposed.
- 1.23/9 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.

The following applicants required a 2nd Review:

11.22/2 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to deny for failure to respond to the board.
None opposed.

The following applications are to provide monthly updates for review.

8.19/8 Update received.

10.21/7 Update received.

3.22/C Update received.

9.22/35 Update received.

3.22/14 Discontinuation received. Ms. Murray made a motion to close file with notation stating applicant requires review if reapplies. None opposed. Mr. Tuminello abstained.

4.22/8 Update received.

5.22/20 Update received. Mr. Tuminello abstained.

5.22/21 Update received.

5.22/28 No update received. Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to send a reminder email and if no update is received by February meeting, RLT Registration will be revoked. None opposed.

6.22/1 Update received.

6.22/10 No update received. Ms. Wright made a motion to send a reminder email and if no update is received by February meeting, RLT Registration will be revoked. None opposed.

10.22/2 Update received. Mr. Tuminello abstained.

10.22/7 Update received. Mr. Tuminello abstained.

10.22/13 Update received.

11.22/1 Renewal not received. Ms. Cole made a motion to close file with notation stating applicant requires review if reapplies. None opposed. Mr. Tuminello abstained.

- 11.22/23 No update received. Ms. Riofrio made a motion to send a reminder email and if no update is received by February meeting, RLT Registration will be revoked. None opposed.
- 11.22/24 No update received. Ms. Murray made a motion to send a reminder email and if no update is received by February meeting, RLT Registration will be revoked. None opposed.
- 11.22/25 Update received.
- 11.22/28 Renewal not received. Mr. Tuminello made a motion to close file with notation stating applicant requires review if reapplies. None opposed.