

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: January 18, 2013

APPROVED: February 22, 2013

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:45 a.m., Friday, January 18, 2013, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Lee Matthews, Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Dr. C. Gary Pettigrew, Complaints Coordinator, was present for the Complaint Review/Legal Matters portion of the meeting. Dr. Kim VanGeffen, on behalf of the Louisiana Psychological Association, was in partial attendance and present for the public hour of the meeting.

Dr. Culross moved to accept the January 18, 2013 agenda. Dr. Zimmermann seconded the motion.

Dr. Culross moved that the minutes of December 7, 2012 be accepted. Dr. Zimmermann seconded the motion.

Pursuant to LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4), Dr. Matthews 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: Matthews -yay, Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay and Burnett-yay.

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

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

P12-13-01C*: Dr. Pettigrew presented the case to the Board and summarized the investigator's findings. Dr. Pettigrew recommended the Board dismiss the complaint. After discussion and careful consideration, Dr. Culross moved to accept the recommendation of dismissal. The motion passed unanimously.

P11-12-12C*: Dr. Pettigrew presented the case to the Board and summarized the investigator's findings. Dr. Pettigrew recommended the Board dismiss the complaint. After careful consideration of the facts, Dr. Zimmermann moved to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

P10-11-07B*: Ms. Parker presented continuing education materials for review and approval. Dr. Culross moved to accept the course in conjunction with the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

LSBEP v. JDT (LPC-NP)*: Ms. Parker presented information to the Board concerning Louisiana LPC advertising as a Nationally Certified Psychologist. The Board carefully reviewed and discussed the information. Dr. Zimmermann moved to open a file and issue a cease and desist letter to the individual. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Parker also agreed to notify the LPC Board.

Oral Examinations:

Thompson Davis, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant **Dr. Davis** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed unanimously.

Koren Boggs, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Matthews moved that the oral examination of **Dr. Boggs** be continued for at least three months. The motion passed by majority roll call vote as follows: Burnett – yea, Culross – yea, and Zimmermann – yea

Quinten K. Lynn, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant **Dr. Lynn** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

The Board reviewed the application for licensure files of **Tracy H. Dossett, Ph.D., Shannon A. Bruno, Ph.D., Nicole M. Trosclair-Lasserre, Ph.D., Veena Y. Poole, Ph.D., John A. Teal, Ph.D., Monica L. Stevens, Ph.D., David N. Landry, Ph.D., William Vincent McDermott, Ph.D. and Steven Denson Abney, Psy.D.** Dr. Matthews moved that the Board confirm their candidacy status and schedule them accordingly for oral examinations. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full Board.

The Board reviewed the Application for Temporary Registration of **Stanley D. Smoote, Ph.D., ABPP**, along with other materials submitted by interested parties. Dr. Zimmermann moved to continue the application until Dr. Pettigrew and Ms. Parker obtained additional information from the applicant. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Matthews–yay, Culross–yay and Burnett–yay.

The Board reviewed the Application for Temporary Registration of **Gustave F. Sison, Jr., Ph.D.**, in association with Eileen Correa, Ph.D. Dr. Culross moved to accept the temporary registration. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Culross reviewed and recommended the Board accept the supervised practice plans of **John T. Nanney, Ph.D., Urmi B. Jani, Psy.D., Julia Becker Cretu, Psy.D., and Suzanne Klenck, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and recommended the Board accept the supervised practice plans of: **Holland W. Miller, Psy.D., Lauren M. Robinson, Psy.D. and Melissa Dufrene, Psy.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and recommended the Board accept the Non-APA Internships of **Holland W. Miller, Psy.D. and Melissa Dufrene, Psy.D.** The motion passed by full vote of the Board. Dr. Burnett reviewed the Non-APA Internship of **Lauren M. Robinson, Psy.D.** and moved to continue the approval of same until further information was obtained. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the Criminal Background Check reports of **Melissa A. Middleton, Ph.D. and Jennifer K. Longwell, Ph.D.** The Board also reviewed and discussed the Criminal Background Check report of **Linda S. Luther-Starbird, Ph.D.** Dr. Culross moved to continue the approval of same until further information was obtained. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parker informed the Board about the multiple inquiries regarding licensure status received from **Edwina Frank, Ph.D.** Dr. Matthews agreed to follow up with Dr. Frank.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Parker presented the Board with the annual budget prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA. Dr. Matthews moved to accept the budget. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross–yay, Burnett–yay and Zimmermann–yay.

Oral Examination Committee: Dr. Culross reported that the Board approved 7 new licensees total at the January meetings. Dr. Culross also mentioned that 6 more licensees will be examined at February’s meeting. The Board discussed the modifications needed to the case vignettes. Dr. Matthews agreed to make the updates. .

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: The Board discussed and reviewed the Jurisprudence examination and the “problem” questions. Dr. Zimmermann agreed to make corrections to the exam.

Legislative Oversight Committee: The Board discussed the following legislative issues:

Chapter 6 Fees: Ms. Parker reported that no comments were received regarding the Chapter 6 Fees. The final rule will be noticed in the February 20, 2013 Louisiana Register. Ms. Parker also reported that all licensees would be notified of the fee changes via paper mailing.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: The Board discussed the following Liaison matters:

ASPPB Contract for EPPP services: Ms. Parker presented the ASPPB contract for EPPP services for approval. Ms. Parker explained that as of January 1, 2013 the computer based test (CBT) administration non–refundable fee is \$79.85 per candidate (English). The CBT fee will be collected by Prometric , the organization responsible for the administration of the exam. Prometric has also instituted a rescheduling fee. Ms. Parker also reminded the Board that effective March 1, 2013, the ASPPB examination fee for the EPPP will increase to \$600. She reported that there are no other significant changes to the EPPP contract. Dr. Matthews moved to accept and execute the contract with ASPPB. The motion passed unanimously.

LPA Election Agreement: Dr. Burnett reported that she researched the law regarding the LSBEP elections in conjunction with the LPA Election Agreement. Dr. Burnett moved to table any changes to the LPA Election Agreement until further information was obtained regarding the possibility of electronic elections. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Matthews–yay, Culross–yay, Zimmermann –yay.

2013 Legislative Session: Ms. Parker reported that the 2013 legislative session will open on April 8, 2013. Ms. Parker also reported that she and Deborah Harkins, Esquire, were actively discussing the upcoming session. The Board also directed Ms. Parker to reach out to LPA's Legislative Chair and Executive Director regarding the upcoming session.

Continuing Education: No new report.

Complaints Committee: No new report.

Long Range Planning Meeting: Dr. Matthews requested that a "tentative" agenda be available at the next meeting. Ms. Parker informed the Board that the LRP meeting will be held offsite.

Ad hoc Committee: Behavior Analyst Commission: The Board carefully reviewed and discussed the Commission's draft report. Ms. Parker reported that the last meeting is scheduled for January 25th and the report is due by February 1st. The Board discussed concerns regarding the broad areas in the report. The Board discussed the psychologist exemption. The Board agreed to wait and watch for the proposed bill.

Real Estate Working Group: Dr. Zimmermann reported that we are searching for real estate options with a new realtor. Ms. Parker mentioned that there may be properties to see at the next meeting.

Digital File Maintenance Workgroup: Dr. Zimmermann reported that Board staff was searching for a vendor to assist with digital maintenance for the office.

Discussion Items: No discussion items.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 p.m.