

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: December 7, 2012
APPROVED: January 18, 2013

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:55 a.m., **Friday, December 7, 2012**, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Lee Matthews, John Courtney, 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. Phil Griffin, on behalf of the Louisiana Psychological Association, was in partial attendance and present for the public hour of the meeting.

Dr. Courtney exited the meeting at 9:00 a.m. to attend the Behavior Analyst Commission meeting on behalf of the Board. He returned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Culross moved to accept the December 7, 2012 agenda. Dr. Zimmermann seconded the motion.

Dr. Culross moved that the minutes of November 9, 2012 be accepted with minor corrections. 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)*

P11-12-14C*: 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.

P12-13-05C*: 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. Culross moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Burnett moved to amend the motion and suggested dismissal of the complaint with a letter of collegial advice. Dr. Matthews seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed unanimously.

LSBEP v. ER (NP): Ms. Parker presented evidence to the Board that a non-licensed individual was advertising work as a "behavioral psychologist". The Board reviewed and discussed the materials. Dr. Zimmermann moved to issue a cease and desist letter to the non-licensed individual. The motion passed unanimously.

Oral Examinations:

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

Janice C. Marceaux, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination. Dr. Matthews moved that the Board grant **Dr. Marceaux** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Neuropsychology.. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Deborah Palmer-Seal, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant **Dr. Palmer-Seal** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

The Board reviewed the application for licensure files of **Quinten K. Lynn, Ph.D., Koren M. Boggs, Ph.D. and Lauren W. Rasmussen, 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.

Dr. Culross reviewed and recommended the Board accept the new supervised practice plan of **Ann Crapanzano, Ph.D. under the supervision of Dr. Seymour.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Matthews reviewed the special request for guidance from **Anne R. Breuer, Psy.D.** Dr. Matthews agreed to prepare an approval letter to Dr. Breuer in response to her request.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Parker informed the Board that the annual budget will be prepared for their review at the next meeting.

Oral Examination Committee: Dr. Culross reported that the Board approved 3 new licensees at today's meeting. Ms. Parker informed the Board that there is a long waiting list for oral examinations due to cancellations in previous months. Dr. Culross moved to schedule oral examinations for Thursday, January 17, 2013 and a few on Friday, January 18, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: Dr. Matthews appointed Dr. Burnett as the new chair of the committee, and Dr. Zimmermann as the vice chair.

Legislative Oversight Committee: Dr. Matthews appointed Dr. Culross as the new vice chair of the Legislative Oversight committee. The Board discussed the following legislative issues:

Chapter 6 Fees: Ms. Parker reported that as of the time of the meeting, no public comments had been received about the fee changes. She reminded the Board that the deadline date was December 10 at 12:00 p.m. Dr. Matthews directed Ms. Parker to contact him if comments were submitted by December 10th. Dr. Matthews moved to finalize the revisions to Chapter 6 Fees if no comments are received. The motion passed unanimously.

Licensing Options – Psychological Assistants: The Board reviewed licensing materials pertaining to psychological assistants in other states. Dr. Burnett made a motion to put the item on the Long Range Planning agenda. Ms. Parker suggested surveying the psychology

community for feedback. Dr. Burnett moved to send out a survey to all psychologists in anticipation of the issue being discussed at the LRP meeting. Dr. Zimmermann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2013 Legislative Session: Ms. Parker reported that the upcoming legislative session is a fiscal session and opens on Monday, April 8, 2013. The Board discussed possible issues that may arise during the session.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Dr. Matthews designated himself as the new Chair of the Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards, replacing Dr. Courtney. The Board discussed the following Liaison matters:

ASPPB Contract for EPPP services: Ms. Parker presented the Board with a proposed contract between ASPPB and LSBEP for EPPP services. She reported that the EPPP fee will increase to \$600 as of March 1, 2013 for candidates regardless and that there will be no significant changes to procedure for the Board. Dr. Zimmermann moved to compare the current contract with the new proposed contract before making a decision. The motion passed.

ASPPB: Applied Behavior Analysis: The Board reviewed ASPPB's information paper "Applied Behavior Analysis: Current Issues and Guidance for ASPPB Member Jurisdictions".

Louisiana Psychological Association – election agreement: Dr. Burnett reported that she had spoken to both Gail Lowe and Dr. Bryan Gros regarding the election agreement. Dr. Burnett mentioned that Dr. Gros had suggested the possibility of the Board covering all of the costs of the election. Dr. Burnett agreed to continue the discussions with LPA and also may contact previous Board members about the original LPA agreement terms.

Other regulatory boards and/or associations: Ms. Parker informed the Board that she attended the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners recent Board meeting with the approval of Dr. Courtney and Dr. Burnett. Ms. Parker reported that the LSBME commended LSBEP for their legislative effort and diligence regarding the BA issue.

Continuing Education: Dr. Zimmermann moved to discuss the changes to Chapter 8 Continuing Education at the Long Range Planning Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Complaints Committee: Ms. Parker suggested that the Board consider providing information and/or a workshop to licensees regarding the complaint process, which would include but not be limited to: investigations and the impaired psychologist program. Dr. Zimmermann moved to take the suggestion into consideration and possibly offer the workshop in conjunction with LPA's Online Academy. The motion passed. Dr. Matthews directed Ms. Parker to contact LPA.

Long Range Planning Meeting: The Board rescheduled the Long Range Planning meeting for Thursday, March 14, 2013. The Board confirmed that the items for the agenda, to date are: Child Abuse statute, Telepsychology Guidelines, Continuing Education, Professional Wills, New Board Member Orientation and Multi-level Licensure. Dr. Matthews moved to invite former Board

members to the Long Range Planning meeting, as well as LPA representatives, and any other interested psychologist. The motion passed. Dr. Matthews directed Ms. Parker to send out invites and then select an appropriate meeting place based on attendees.

Ad hoc Committee: Behavior Analyst Commission: Dr. Courtney attended the December 7, 2012 Behavior Analyst Commission meeting and reported the events to the Board. Dr. Courtney informed the Board that the group voted to license BAs under the LPC Board. Dr. Courtney directed Ms. Parker to attend the final meetings and to actively participate to make sure that the consumers are protected. The Board discussed the outcome of the meeting. Dr. Courtney moved to abstain from issuing a dissenting opinion but noted that the Board needed to review the report and proposed legislation carefully. The motion passed unanimously.

Real Estate Working Group: No new report.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Request for Guidance – Allyson D. Bennett, Ph.D. [Continued from November 2012]:**
The Board reviewed the additional information submitted by Dr. Bennett for the purposes of clarification to her November request. Dr. Matthews moved that Dr. Bennett’s scenario was acceptable under the supervision rules and praised her for asking for guidance from the Board. The motion passed.
- 2. LSBEP Presentations – Psychology Departments:** Ms. Parker informed the Board that ASPPB encouraged Boards to prepare and present licensing presentations at local colleges. Ms. Parker inquired whether the Board would be interested in doing this form of public/student education. Dr. Burnett moved to develop Board licensing presentations for local colleges. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Digital File Maintenance:** Dr. Zimmermann moved to create a “Digital File Maintenance Working Group”. The motion passed unanimously. The Board agreed to research options regarding digital file maintenance and advances in office technology.
- 4. New Business for January 18, 2013:** No new business noted.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:05 p.m.