

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: February 22, 2013
APPROVED: March 15, 2013

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:30 a.m., **Friday, February 22, 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. Culross moved to accept the February 22, 2013 agenda. Dr. Burnett moved that the minutes of January 17, 2013 be accepted. Dr. Culross moved that the minutes of January 18, 2013 be accepted.

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):

- a. **P10-11-07B***: Ms. Parker presented the Board with information verifying the Respondent in this matter has satisfied his continuing education requirements in conjunction with the Consent Order. The Board reviewed and accepted the continuing education completion as satisfaction of the Consent Order. Dr. Zimmermann moved to close the matter. The Board unanimously agreed.
- b. **P11-12-04C***: Ms. Parker presented the Board with a letter from the Respondent's practice monitor. The Board carefully reviewed the letter and after serious consideration, the Board agreed that the Respondent had met the requirements of the Consent Order. Dr. Culross moved to close the matter. The Board unanimously agreed.
- c. **NP12-13-07C***: Ms. Parker presented the Board with a signed cease and desist letter. The Board reviewed the Respondent's comments and accepted the executed document. Dr. Matthews moved to close the matter. The Board unanimously agreed.

Oral Examinations:

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

Nicole M. Trosclair-Lasserre, Ph.D. appeared before Drs. Matthews and Culross for an oral examination. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant **Dr. Lasserre** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in School Psychology. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Steven Abney, Psy.D. Appeared before Drs. Zimmermann and Burnett for a continuation of his oral examination. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant **Dr. Abney** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Sasha Lambert Ph.D. appeared before Drs. Matthews and Culross for an oral examination. Dr. Matthews moved that the Board grant **Dr. Lambert** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Keri Menesses Ph.D. appeared before Drs. Zimmermann and Burnett for an oral examination. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant **Dr. Menesses** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in School Psychology. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Vena Poole, Ph.D. appeared before Drs. Matthews and Culross for an oral examination. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant **Dr. Poole** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in School Psychology. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

The Board reviewed the application for licensure files of **Marsheena Murray, Ph.D., Donna Boudreaux, Ph.D., and Macletus Dejoie-Smith, Ph.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. Matthews reviewed the request for Emeritus status of **J. Steven York, Ph.D.** Dr. Matthews moved to grant **Dr. York**' s request for Emeritus status. The motion passed by full vote of the Board.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed and recommended the Board grant Temporary Registrations of: **Stanley Smoote, Ph.D., ABPP, Debra Kay Carter, Ph.D., Hudson Gerry Taylor, Ph.D. and Anthony D. Bram, Ph.D.** The motion passed by full vote of the Board. Dr. Burnett reviewed and recommended the Board grant a Temporary Registration to **Ricardo Weinstein, Ph.D.** The motion passed by majority vote.

Dr. Culross reviewed and recommended acceptance of the Supervised Practice Plans of: **Caitlin M. Singletary, Ph.D. and Shannae Harness, Ph.D.** The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the Criminal History of **Linda S. Luther-Starbird, Ph.D.** He also carefully reviewed additional information obtained regarding the criminal history report. After discussion and careful consideration, Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept **Dr. Starbird**'s criminal history report. The motion passed.

Dr. Matthews reviewed the applicant file of **Valerie M. Bellas, Ph.D.** After careful review of the materials, Dr. Matthews moved to request another criminal background check from **Dr. Bellas** since the previous check was done three years ago. The motion passed by roll call vote: Matthews-yay, Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, and Burnett-yay.

Dr. Matthews reported on his meeting with Dr. Edwina Frank. The Board discussed the findings of the meeting and recommended additional follow up.

Dr. Matthews reviewed the applicant file of Holly Hildegard Hadley, Ph.D. and determined that her time period has expired as a candidate for licensure and she did not meet the requirements for

licensure. Dr. Matthews moved to close her file. The motion passed unanimously by full vote of the Board.

The full Board carefully reviewed and discussed the communication received from **Koren Boggs, Ph.D.** After considerable discussion, Dr. Matthews moved that the Board send **Dr. Boggs** a clarifying letter regarding the continuation of her licensing exam. The motion passed unanimously by full vote of the Board.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Parker informed the Board that Valerie Dominique, CPA, discovered errors in the 2011 payroll reports and taxes filed by the previous accountant. She reported that Ms. Dominique would amend and file the corrected reports.

Oral Examination Committee: Dr. Culross reported that the Board approved 6 new licensees at today's meeting. Ms. Parker confirmed that there are 6 exams scheduled for March's meeting as well.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: No new report.

Legislative Oversight Committee: The Board discussed behavior analysts and the upcoming 2013 legislative session. The Board agreed to provide assistance and/or guidance if requested.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: No new report.

Continuing Education: The Board reviewed a continuing education extension request from Dr. Gayle Baer. After careful review and discussion, Dr. Culross moved to grant Dr. Baer a one-time exemption and accept the credits completed to date. The motion passed by roll call vote: Matthews-yay, Culross-yay, Burnett-yay, Zimmermann-yay.

Complaints Committee: No new report.

Long Range Planning Meeting: The Board approved the working agenda and final plans for the Long Range Planning meeting. Ms. Parker agreed to update the agenda, if necessary, prior to the meeting.

Ad hoc Committee: Behavior Analyst Commission: Ms. Parker presented the Board with the final SR159 commission report. The Board reviewed and discussed the report.

Discussion Items:

1. **Request for Opinion from Darrell Turner, Ph.D.:** The Board reviewed communication received from Dr. Turner. Dr. Turner requested special consideration by the Board regarding his ability to conduct evaluations on a Sanity Commission. The Board discussed his letter and the law that governs the issue. The Board opined that Dr. Turner must not participate on Sanity Commissions until he is licensed 3 years pursuant to the law, no special exceptions would be made.

2. **Review of LSBEP presentation:** The Board reviewed the draft presentation prepared by Ms. Parker for the LSBEP presentation to University of New Orleans.
3. SR 107 Sexual Harassment Training & LA R.S. 42:1170 Ethics Training: Dr. Culross moved to table this discussion until next month. The Board unanimously accepted the motion.
4. Louisiana Ethics Personal Financial Disclosures Form – Due May 15, 2013: Ms. Parker reminded Board members that their annual ethics filing deadline was approaching.

REAL ESTATE WORKGROUP: The full Board visited the following real estate options: 5800 Perkins Road, 8480 Bluebonnet Blvd., and 9270 Siegen Lane (previously listed as 9191 Siegen Lane). The Board returned to the office and carefully discussed the options. The Board directed Ms. Parker to work with the realtor to negotiate items for 8480 Bluebonnet and/or 9270 Siegen Lane.

4:00 p.m. Adjourned.