

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: August 9, 2013
APPROVED: September 13, 2013

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:33 a.m., **Friday, August 9, 2013**, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett, Jessica Brown, Phil Griffin; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker.

Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the August 9, 2013 agenda. Dr. Griffin moved that the minutes of July 5, 2013 be accepted..

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

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

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

- a. **LSBEP v. NB-NP***: The Board reviewed the conference information regarding NB. Dr. Culross moved to dismiss the matter since NB was exempt according to the practice act. The motion passed unanimously.

Oral Examinations:

The following oral exams were canceled at the request of the candidates: Emily Sandoz, Ph.D. and Valerie Bellas, Ph.D.

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

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

Tresa Roebuck Spencer, Ph.D., ABPP reciprocity candidate, successfully passed the Jurisprudence examination and met with the full Board. Dr. Zimmermann grant Dr. Spencer a Clinical Neuropsychology license to practice in Louisiana. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

Dr. Brown reviewed the application for licensure file of **Robert Gervey, Ph.D.** Dr. Brown moved to invite **Dr. Gervey** to take the jurisprudence and oral examinations. The Board discussed the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously by full vote of the Board.

Dr. Griffin reviewed the application for licensure file of **John T. Nanney, Ph.D.** Dr. Griffin moved to invite **Dr. Nanney** to take the jurisprudence and oral examinations. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously by full vote of the Board.

Dr. Burnett reviewed the application for licensure file of **Robert Clanton, Ph.D.** Dr. Burnett moved to invite **Dr. Clanton** to take the jurisprudence and oral examinations. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously by full vote of the Board.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and recommended acceptance of the Supervised Practice Plans of: **Royce D. Butler, Psy.D. and Aimee L. Blackham, Ph.D.** The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed the Non-APA internship of **Aimee L. Blackham, Ph.D.** After careful discussion with the Board, Dr. Burnett moved to table the decision on the internship program until further information was obtained. The motion passed successfully.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the Criminal Background Check of **Mark S. Warner, Ph.D.** After careful discussion with the Board, Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the criminal background check results. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Brown-yay.

Dr. Culross reviewed the application files for **Janice Gloster, Ph.D. and Jennifer Rhodes, Ph.D.** Dr. Culross noted that the files were inactive and that it had been more than 5 years since the original application date. The Board discussed the files. Dr. Culross moved to close the files and withdrawal the individuals from candidacy for not meeting licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed the specific supervision inquiry submitted to the Board by **Rebecca Becker, Psy.D.** After careful consideration and discussion with the full Board, Dr. Burnett moved to table the decision until further information was obtained. Specifically, additional information is needed regarding the legal functioning authority of the supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed additional materials received regarding the Non-APA internship program of **Lauren M. Robinson, Psy.D.** Dr. Burnett recommended the Board accept the Non-APA internship program. After careful consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Parker presented the Board with an updated BA cost-sharing estimate prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA. The Board carefully reviewed the information and discussed the costs. Ms. Parker inquired about the sharing of phone lines on behalf of the Behavior Analyst Board. The Board discussed the request. Dr. Zimmermann moved to share phone lines with the Behavior Analyst Board along with the cost until October 1, 2013. The motion passed by full vote of the Board.

Oral Examination Committee: No new report.

Case Vignette Workgroup: Dr. Culross suggested a new case scenario for a case vignette. Dr. Zimmermann agreed to notify the Case Vignette Workgroup accordingly.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: The Board reviewed possible changes to the jurisprudence exam questions. Dr. Culross moved to implement the new questions in the jurisprudence exam. After careful consideration, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the changes. Dr. Zimmermann directed Ms. Parker to begin distributing the new exam.

Legislative Oversight Committee: Ms. Parker presented a summary of the comments received regarding the changes to Chapter 8, Chapter 9 and Chapter 10. The Board reviewed detailed responses individually. The Board acknowledged and carefully discussed the comments submitted for Chapter 8, Chapter 9 and Chapter 10 changes. After a lengthy discussion regarding the changes, Dr. Zimmermann moved to proceed with the implementation of the rule changes for Chapters 8, 9 and 10. The Board voted by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Brown-yay. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Parker noted that the changes will be published as final rules in the October 2013 Louisiana Register.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: The Board discussed the annual ASPPB annual meeting, scheduled for October 16-20th in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Board agreed that Ms. Parker, Dr. Zimmermann and Dr. Griffin should attend the annual meeting. Ms. Parker noted that her national Executive Director meeting is being held on the 16th, so her travel day to Las Vegas will be on October 15th. The Board also reviewed the proposed amendments to the ASPPB bylaws. The amendments will be voted on at the annual meeting in Las Vegas.

Ms. Parker presented the Board with updated information regarding the MOU with the Behavior Analyst Board. Specifically, the Behavior Analyst Board requested additional time to consult with legal counsel regarding the issue of dual regulation. Dr. Zimmermann moved to enter into a provisional MOU with the Behavior Analyst Board and request another MOU or addendum regarding dual regulation by October 1, 2013. He noted that the provisional MOU would cover the financial obligation of each respective party only. After careful discussion, the motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay, and Brown-yay. Ms. Parker noted that she would need to discuss the provisional MOU with the Behavior Analyst Board as well as the October 1, 2013 date with the BA Board and legal counsel. She agreed to update the LSBEP accordingly.

Continuing Education: Dr. Zimmermann reported that the changes to Chapter 8 were officially adopted as final during the Legislative Oversight Committee report. The Board discussed possibly

offering future workshops regarding the changes to the requirements.

Complaints Committee: The Board reviewed a proposal from Tony McCoy, Board Investigator, for the use of tape recording during investigation interviews. After careful discussion, the Board recommended a few minor changes and directed Ms. Parker to notify Mr. McCoy accordingly.

Long Range Planning Meeting: Dr. Culross reviewed the items on the Long Range Planning meeting agenda to date: EPassport, Telepsychology, and database updates. Dr. Burnett suggested adding provisional licensure and school specialists. Dr. Culross noted that issues regarding the Emeritus license should be added as well. Ms. Parker inquired whether the Board wanted to include the Texas Reciprocity Agreement. The Board acknowledged the need to discuss the reciprocity agreement at the Long Range Planning meeting. The Long Range Planning meeting is currently set for Friday, November 8th. No other details were available at the time.

Provisional License Task Force: Dr. Burnett reported regarding the Provisional Task Force survey results. She noted that 69 psychologists responded to the survey and that the majority voted for the Board to create a provisional license. Dr. Burnett reported that the detailed responses, a small number of psychologists disagreed with the continuing education requirement as well as the idea of the ability to renew a provisional license. Dr. Burnett explained that once a psychologist is licensed, regardless if provisional, her recommendation would be that they would have the same CE requirement as any other psychologist. She suggested that a provisional licensee should still have 4 years and 3 attempts to take the EPPP so therefore the provisional license should be renewable 3 times. Dr. Burnett noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 6th at 9:30 a.m. She noted that at the meeting the draft law will be discussed. Dr. Burnett indicated that she hoped to have a summary recommendation available to the Board at the next meeting.

School Specialist Task Force: Dr. Culross reported regarding the School Specialist Task Force survey results. Ms. Parker presented the Board with a summary of the response. The Board reviewed the detailed responses individually. There was discussion regarding the education and training of school specialists. There was also discussion regarding the possible scope of practice of a school specialist. Dr. Culross reported that the School Specialist Task Force would discuss the scope of practice at its next meeting. The Board also discussed the Board composition if they would license the school specialist group. Dr. Culross suggested requiring that one board member be a licensed doctoral school psychologist and having a panel underneath the Board of school specialists. Ms. Parker reported that the survey was extended until August 15, 2013. At the time of the meeting, Ms. Parker noted that 172 responses had been received and that 46% were licensed with LSBEP and 54% were not currently licensed. She confirmed that the survey went to all licensed LSBEP psychologists as well as members of the Louisiana School Psychological Association. Dr. Culross reported that the next School Specialist Task Force meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 6th at 1:00 p.m.

Real Estate Workgroup: Ms. Parker advised the Board that both parties signed the lease and that she is waiting for the official approval from the state. Ms. Parker did not anticipate any issues with the approval. The office move date was confirmed as October 1, 2013.

Digital Maintenance Workgroup: Dr. Zimmermann discussed digital options for files in conjunction

with the move. Ms. Parker noted that she had a temporary worker available for assistance with scanning of documents and file maintenance. Dr. Zimmermann moved to allow Ms. Parker to employ the temporary worker on an as needed basis for assistance. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Brown-yay.

Discussion Items:

1. **EPPP Process/Issues:** The Board reviewed the EPPP invite letter. Ms. Parker reported that the Board does not collect any fees associated with the EPPP, including but not limited to the scheduling fee or the actual test fee. She noted that the applicants coordinate the EPPP scheduling through PES testing center. The office staff approves or denies applications via email. Ms. Parker noted that office staff do not see scheduled test dates. The Board suggested a minor change to the language of the EPPP invite letter. Specifically, if an applicant fails the EPPP the first time, they need to be provided the exact date they can even reschedule the exam. Ms. Parker agreed and noted she would implement the change.

2. **2012-2013FY Contract: McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC:** Ms. Parker informed the Board that based on the late invoices received, the McGlinchey contract would need to be increased to pay outstanding balances from the last fiscal year. Dr. Culross moved to offer a higher fiscal year contract only to cover the unpaid amount and include the normal yearly amount. Ms. Parker noted that her yearly amount is \$12,500 but the contract would need to be \$19,000. The Board voted by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Brown-yay. Dr. Culross suggested reminding Ms. Harkins to submit regular invoices to assist us with processing payment in a timely fashion.

3. **PPM49 Mileage Exemption:** The Board reviewed the mileage exemption.

3:33 p.m. Adjourned.