

MINUTES
Friday, August 14, 2015
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Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Zimmermann, Board Chair, convened the meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists at 8:33 am. on Friday, August 14, 2015 at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Board Members present were Dr. Marc Zimmerman, Dr. Darla Burnett, and Dr. Phil Griffin. Dr. Greg Gormanous, Executive Director, was also present. Ms. Kelly Parker, Complaints & Operations Consultant, was in partial attendance. It was noted for the record that the meeting was noticed and the agenda was posted on August 12, 2015. Dr. C. Gary Pettigrew, Complaints' Coordinator, was in partial attendance for the Complaint Review/Legal Matters discussion. Two members of the public were present during the Open Session: Dr. Koren Boggs and Dr. Jesse Lambert.

There was an amendment to the agenda. Dr. Griffin moved that we add an item: to make the appointment to the LSSP Committee. Roll call vote: Zimmerman, yes; Burnett, yes; and Griffin, yes.

Dr. Burnett moved to accept the revised agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmerman read the declaration of purpose:

“...the creation of a State Board of Examiners of Psychologists is necessary to safeguard life, health, property and the public welfare of this State, and in order to protect the people of this state against unauthorized, unqualified, and improper application of psychology...”

Dr. Burnett moved to accept the minutes as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters [LSA-R.S.42.6.1] and lapsed licenses. Roll call vote: Zimmerman, yes; Burnett, yes; and Griffin, yes.

The Board came out of executive session. Dr. Griffin moved to take following actions:

Renewals:

Dr. Samuel H. Bryan

Dr. Owen Scott

Reinstatements:

Dr. Suzanne C. Klenck

Dr. Gloria Manucia

Dr. Melanie Lee McGrath

Dr. Joy Nichols

Dr. Owen Scott

Dr. Thomas Welch

Dr. Lakisha Shantell Williams

Dr. Burnett made a motion to go into executive session to discuss complaints and review legal matters. Roll call vote: Zimmerman, yes; Burnett, yes; and Griffin, yes. Dr. C. Gary Pettigrew, Complaints' Coordinator, was present. The Board came out of executive session and decided to defer/hold off any actions until committee reports.

Dr. Burnett made a motion to go back into executive session to review the credentials and supervision plans of applicants for licensure. Roll call vote: Zimmerman, yes; Burnett, yes; and Griffin, yes. The Board came out of executive session and decided to defer/hold off any actions until committee reports.

Dr. Gormanous, Executive Director, reported on difficulties with renewals & lapsed licenses. It was noted the office was unable to process renewals and unable to generate a list of persons whose licenses have lapsed. Other IT/operational issues and problems were discussed. The Board discussed banking arrangements proposals. The Board reviewed a Memo to the Record concerning telephonic information from Asst. AG Boyce.

Preliminary committee assignments were discussed, contingent on expected board appointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee: Full Board, Parker, Dominique (CPA) & Gormanous
The Board reviewed operational expenses, check detail and monthly financials.
2. Oral Examination Committee: Zimmermann & Griffin
The Board briefly discussed oral exam vignettes.
3. Jurisprudence Examination Committee:
No report.
4. Legislative Oversight Committee: Burnett
Dr. Burnett moved to make the rule concerning board vacancies a permanent rule and to delete the LA citizenship requirement for licensure. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Griffin
The Board discussed the upcoming annual meeting of the Association of State & Provincial Psychology Boards OCT 7-11, 2015 & its mid-year May 3-7, 2016.
6. Continuing Education: Zimmermann
Dr. Burnett moved to adopt the form with changes in reporting in Chapter 8 for Continuing Professional Development and to publish them. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Supervision/Credentials Reviews [LSA-R.S.42.6.1] Burnett

The following files, supervision plans, and other information/documentation were reviewed:

Brandon Ashworth, Ph. D.
Daniel Bracken, Ph. D.
Connie Cassells, Ed. D.
Katherine Chenier, Ph. D.
Courtney Creppel, Ed. D.
Christiane Creveling-Benefield, Ph. D
Pamela Deters, Ph. D.
Rosette Elghossain, Psy. D.
Barbara Fleischer, Ph. D.
Lillian Frankart, Ph. D.
Richard Frederick, Ph. D.
Amanda Gallagher, Ph. D.
Leslie Hebert, SSP
Semonne Holloway, Ed. D.
Lisa Isaac, Ph. D.
Abigail Lambert, Ph. D.
Christa Matheny, SSP
Melissa Kunimatsu, Ph. D.
Megan Medley, Ph. D.
Erica Meyers, Ph. D.
Kristen L. (Joiner) Miller, Ph. D.
Melisa Moore, Ph. D.
Michael Sawyer, Ph. D
Victory Tomassetti-Long, Ph. D.
Lily Reboul, Psy. D.
Jennifer Volz, Ph. D.
Keith Westerfield, Ph. D
David Z. Williams, Ph. D.

Dr. Burnett moved to approve the temporary registration of the following:

Peggy Pack, Ph. D.
Stacey Wood, Ph. D.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Complaints Committee: Zimmermann

Dr. Burnett moved to take following actions:

P14-15-11C - the complaint was reviewed and referred for further investigation.

CT, Ph. D. – a candidate for licensure will be issued a cease and desist order.

Dr. Burton Ashworth was invited to meet with the Board at its September meeting.

Roll call vote: Zimmerman, yes; Burnett, yes; and Griffin, yes

9. Long Range Planning: Burnett, Griffin

Dr. Griffin reported that he would work with LSUHSC on possible educational webinars.

10. LBAB Liaison Report: Zimmermann
Dr. Zimmermann updated the Board about possible LBAB initiatives.
11. Professionalism Workgroup: Zimmermann
The Board may discuss the May 15, 2015 Professionalism meeting.
12. LSBEP Education & Outreach: Zimmermann
The Board briefly discussed outreach initiatives.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ms. Parker noted that the Board Member/Staff Confidentiality Agreement was adopted on May 29, 2015.

The prescription period was discussed and no action was taken. The Board returned to previous discussions and decided to defer action on any changes to the code of conduct and on a process to remove a board member for cause.

Ms. Parker provided general information on the logistics and process for the upcoming hearing.

Future meeting dates/calendrical planning were reviewed:

SEP 18

OCT 23

NOV 19 (THU evening appreciation reception)

NOV 20

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No additional members of the public were present.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43pm