

**MINUTES**  
**Friday, June 26, 2015**  
**Approved July 17, 2015**

**Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists**  
**8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809**

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of examiners of psychologist board was noticed and the agenda was posted on June 24, 2015.

Dr. Culross, Board chair, called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

Present Board members were Dr. Marc Zimmerman, Dr. Darla Burnett, and Dr. Phil Griffin. Ms. Kelly Parker, Executive Director and Dr. Greg Gormanous, present in training as new Executive Director, were also in attendance. Dr. C Pettigrew was in partial attendance for the Complaint Review/Legal Matters discussion. The following members were present for public hour: Dr. Thomas Hannie and Dr. Susan Dardard.

Dr. Culross read the Declaration of Purpose: It is hereby declared that the creation of a State Board of Examiners of Psychologists is necessary in order 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...

The Board reviewed and discussed the June 26, 2015 agenda. Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the July 26, 2015 agenda and it passed unanimously. Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve the May 29, 2015 minutes and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffith made a motion to approve the June 1, 2015 minutes and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the June 15, 2015 minutes and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Colleen Grace, the newly hired executive assistant, was introduced to and welcomed by the board.

***Personnel Matter [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]***

***Dr. Culross moved to go into executive session to discuss personal matters, review legal matters and conduct oral examinations. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Zimmerman- yay, Burnett- yay, and Griffin- yay. Dr. Culross moved to exit the executive session and report the following:***

Dr. Griffin moved to allow Greg Gormanous up to \$2500 for expenses associated with his move to Baton Rouge contingent upon his staying on the job for at least one

year. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Zimmerman- yay, Burnett- yay, Culross- yay, and Griffin – yay.

Dr. Zimmermann moved that the Board offer Kelly Parker a part time position as a consultant for six months with a salary of \$7000 for the period starting July 10, 2015 until December 31, 2015. Her duties will include following through with accounting, website/database services, policies and procedures, and disciplinary matters. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Zimmerman- yay, Culross- yay, Burnett- yay, and Griffin- yay.

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***Reciprocity Meeting [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]: Lea Laffoon, Ph.D., ABPP [CL]***

Dr. Culross made a motion to grant Dr. Laffoon a license with a registered specialty in clinical psychology (CL). The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

***Oral Examination [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]: Alexander Cava, Psy. D. [CL]***

Dr. Burnett made a motion to grant Dr. Cava a license with a registered specialty in clinical psychology (CL). The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

***Oral Examination [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]: Santino LoVullo, Ph.D. [CL]***

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to grant Dr. LoVullo a license with a registered license in Clinical Psychology (CL). The board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

***Oral Examination [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]: Dawn Sharpless, Ph.D. [CL]***

Dr. Griffin made a motion to grant Dr. Sharpless a license with a registered specialty in clinical psychology (CL). The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

***Oral Examination [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]: Amy Meredith, Ph.D. [CL]***

Dr. Burnett made a motion to grant Dr. Meredith a license with a registered specialty in clinical psychology (CL). The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

***Oral Examination [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]: Kimberly Hutchinson, Ph.D. [CL]***

Dr. Griffin made a motion to grant Dr. Hutchinson a license with a registered specialty in clinical psychology (CL). The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Complaint Review/Legal Matters [LSA-R.S. 42.6.1.]**

Dr. Pettigrew, Complaint Coordinator, joined the meeting.

Dr. Pettigrew and Ms. Parker updated the board on the following complaints:

- a. IPP2014-01 update
- b. P14-15-1C- Dr. Culros moved to accept a Consent Order with revisions provided the respondent agrees to all revisions. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Zimmerman- yay, Culross- yay, Burnett- yay and Griffin- yay.

### **Supervision/Credentials Review Committee [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]**

The following supervision plans and files were reviewed:

Jennifer Volz, Ph. D.  
Brian Turner, Ph. D.  
Amanda Gallagher, Ph.D.  
Burton Ashworth. Ph.D.  
Keever Hoffman, S.S.P.,  
Leslie Hebert, S.S.P.

Other applicant /candidates:

#### ***Oral Examination [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]: Lilly Reboul, Psy. D. [CL] (2<sup>nd</sup> cancellation)***

The board noted that Dr. Lily Reboul canceled for the second time.

#### ***Oral Exam/Add'tl Specialty [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]: Jennifer Fairchild, Ph.D. [CN]***

Dr. Griffin made a motion to grant Dr. Fairchild a license with a registered specialty in clinical neuropsychology (CN). The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### ***Oral Examination [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]: Thomandra Sam, Ph.D. [CO]***

Dr. Burnett made a motion to grant Dr. Beneventi a license with a registered specialty in counseling psychology (CO). The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### ***Reciprocity Meeting [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]: Diane Beneventi, Ph.D. [CL]***

Dr. Griffin made a motion to grant Dr. Beneventi a license with a registered specialty in clinical psychology (CL). The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Meeting with Ronald Robinson – Additional Board Investigator**

The board met with Ronald Robinson.

### **Public Hour**

Members of the public included Dr. Susan Dardard and Dr. Thomas Hannie.

### **Committee Reports**

### **1. Finance Committee [Full Board, Parker]\***

Discussion ensued concerning financial matters. Overall the board is in solid financial shape.

Dr. Griffin made a motion to change the bank signature card at Neighbor's Federal Credit Union to include Dr. Zimmerman and the executive Director. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2. Legislative Oversight Committee [Burnett, Culross]\***

The emergency rule concerning board appointments was discussed. It was noted that this was for a limited time and that it would need to be made a permanent rule promulgated as such.

### **3. Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Parker reported on the following:

There have been approximately 196 renewals, seven or eight of which were paper.

The website change is progressing. The database update in the new system should be more consistent. She noted that there were problems inputting CE.

Ms. Parker also noted that the LSPP nominations deadline is July 1, 2015. She also noted that there is a vacancy because the Louisiana Senate did not confirm Dr. Comaty. Ms. Parker also asked whether we should offer orals next month.

The board decided to conduct oral examinations and give the successful candidate the option of the license becoming effective August 1, 2015.

The board decided that its next meeting would be next Friday July 17, 2015.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Public comments**

Dr. Culross opened the floor to public comments at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Dr. Hannie signed up to speak on behalf of himself. He stated that he was retired and he requested to be put on e-mail blast list. It was explained that that was not as easily done as it seemed. Dr. Hannie made a second request concerning the nature of the lapsed license notice in order to address psychologists who had retired from the practice of psychology in Louisiana.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.