

**Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
LICENSED SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES: March 3, 2020**

FINAL APPROVED May 19, 2020

The Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Advisory Committee [herein Committee] of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists [Board] was noticed and agenda posted March 2, 2020. Present were Committee Members Dr. George Hebert, and Ex Officio Member Jaime Monic. Dr. Hebert called the meeting to order on March 3, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

Ms. Stacey Johnson participated for part of the meeting via telephone.

Dr. Amy Morvant's term ended on June 30, 2019. The seat remains vacant.

Guest: Lydia Benoit, LSSP and Gary Benoit

Dr. Hebert reviewed the minutes from June 4, 2019 and affirmed them to be true and correct.

DISCUSSION:

1. Committee Updates: Ms. Monic reported the following:

- The Board has received the Committee's recommendations for revisions to Chapter 42: Ethics for the LSSP
- The Board approved Opinion: Scope of Practice LSSP (Ordering Psychological Services)
- Complaint Status – No complaints since the origination of this license.
- Licensing Status - 28 LSSP licenses have been issued since February 27, 2014. There are currently 27 active.

2. LSSP Call for Nominees – Committee Vacancy. Dr. Hebert and Ms. Monic reviewed the Self-Nomination submitted by Katherine Chenier. Finding that the nominee met the eligibility requirements for serving on the LSSP Committee, Dr. Hebert recommended the nominee be presented to the Board for appointment to the LSSP Committee.

3. Next Meeting Dates – June 2, 2020, will hold off until the committee is fully constituted. Dr. Hebert noted that the June 2, 2020 meeting was his last meeting within the appointed term. Ms. Monic affirmed and acknowledged she would put this on the LSBEP agenda to discuss the next Call for Nomination.

4. Review and discuss the LSSP Presentation to LSPA conducted on November 6, 2019; participant questions; and format for future presentations. The committee discussed the presentation and some misconceptions that were gleaned from the presentation. Guests Lydia Benoit, LSSP and Gary Benoit requested the opportunity to comment on this discussion to obtain clarity regarding appropriate practice for LSSP's. The Benoit's were concerned that the regulations are not clear and do not address all practice models for the LSSP who is working in a school system but under the umbrella of a mediating agency that is providing reimbursement to the LSSP vs. working/contracting

directly with the Local Educational Agency (LEA) and providing reimbursement directly to the LSSP.

Dr. Hebert requested that the matter be brought to the LSBEP for an opinion to answer the question: Does the LSSP have to personally have a direct contractual relationship the LEA vs. another mediating agency providing reimbursement that agency being the fiscal agent?

5. **LSSP Reference Form** – Dr. Hebert reviewed the LSSP Reference form and agreed with the Board’s request to remove references to NASP and make it consistent with the jurisdiction of the Board.

Dr. Hebert reviewed the following applications:

Kelley M. Pursell, M.A. – Dr. Hebert reviewed this application. Finding that the requirements for licensure have been met, moved that the Committee confirm the Candidacy status of **Ms. Pursell** and recommend her to the Board for licensure as a Specialist in School Psychology.

LaTasha M. Cubas, S.S.P. - Dr. Hebert reviewed this application. Finding that the requirements for licensure have been met, moved that the Committee confirm the Candidacy status of **Ms. Cubas** and recommend her to the Board for licensure as a Specialist in School Psychology.

DeAnna Yelverton, S.S.P. - Dr. Hebert reviewed this application. Finding that the requirements for licensure have been met, moved that the Committee confirm the Candidacy status of **Ms. Yelverton** and recommend her to the Board for licensure as a Specialist in School Psychology.

Melanie L. Gaudet, S.S.P., Shannah T. Ordoyne, S.S.P., Julia A. Horam, S.S.P. – Dr. Hebert reviewed the applications of Gaudet, Ordoyne and Horam. However, these applications were incomplete and therefore no decisions were made.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.