

*Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists*  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday, January 10, 2020**  
Final Approved: February 7, 2020

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board or LSBEP) was noticed and agenda posted on, Thursday, January 9, 2020. Board Chair, Dr. Koren Boggs, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2020 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Present were Board Members, Drs. Koren Boggs, Amy Henke, Gregory Gormanous, Gina Gibson Michelle Moore and Consumer Board Member, Mr. Darren “Chance” McNeely; Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic; Compliance Investigator, Justin Owens; LSBEP Attorney, Courtney P. Newton; and Dr. Kim VanGeffen representing LPA was present for the open meeting. \*Dr. Sasha Lambert, Complaints Coordinator was available to the board to provide reports and recommendations related to complaint matters in Executive Session.

Dr. Gormanous requested that his statement of service be recorded into the minutes as follows: *“My serving on LSBEP is to ensure that consumers of psychological services are protected against any unqualified, harmful and unauthorized practice, application or use of psychology. My service is as a consumer advocate and educator. My service is not as a market participant.”*

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Dr. Henke moved to approve the agenda as posted. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Henke moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2019 as discussed. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0

**ANNUAL ANTI-TRUST TRAINING:** Board members and staff received a 2.25 hour training conducted by Attorney Newton on the topics: LSBEP’s role in public protection, anti-trust and open meetings laws. Participants included: Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, McNeely, Monic, and Owens. Ms. Rhonda Boe was also in attendance for this training.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Dr. Gormanous moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:17.A(2) and (4) to discuss file reviews, and conduct oral examinations. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0

Dr. Henke moved to close Executive Session to enter the following. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0

**COMPLAINTS [LSA R.S. 42.16]:**

**a. In the Matter P17-18-06C and P18-19-04C** – Dr. Sasha Lambert\* and Dr. Koren Boggs presented a summary of the investigation and findings in this matter to the Board, which summary included a recommendation from the Complaints Committee to dismiss the matter with a letter of education. The Board thoroughly discussed the matter including the contents of the letter of education. Dr. Moore moved to accept the committee’s recommendation to dismiss this matter with a letter of education and that the Complaints Committee be authorized to finalize the letter of education as discussed by the board and under the signature of Dr. Koren Boggs as Board Chair. The motion having been put to a vote, passed as follows: The motion passed

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by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (4) Henke, Gibson, Moore, McNeely; Against: (1) Gormanous; Abstained: (1) Boggs - due to participation on Complaints Committee; Absent: 0

**b. In the Matter P18-19-10 Rec'd 4/25/19** - Dr. Sasha Lambert\* and Dr. Koren Boggs presented a summary of the investigation and findings in this matter to the Board, which summary included a recommendation from the Complaints Committee to dismiss this matter without action. The Board thoroughly discussed the matter. Dr. Moore moved to accept the committee's recommendation. The motion having been put to a vote, passed as follows: In favor: (5) Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: (1) Boggs - due to participation on Complaints Committee; Absent: 0

**c. In the Matter P18-19-12C Rec'd 5/23/19** - Dr. Sasha Lambert\* and Dr. Koren Boggs presented a summary of the investigation and findings in this matter to the Board, which summary included a recommendation from the Complaints Committee to dismiss this matter without action. The Board thoroughly discussed the matter. Dr. Moore moved to accept the committee's recommendation. The motion having been put to a vote, passed as follows: In favor: (5) Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: (1) Boggs - due to participation on Complaints Committee; Absent: 0

**d. In the matter filed by PS Rec'd 5/28/19** - Dr. Sasha Lambert\* and Dr. Koren Boggs presented a summary of the investigation and findings in this matter to the Board, which summary included a recommendation from the Complaints Committee to dismiss this matter without action. The Board thoroughly discussed the matter. Dr. Moore moved to accept the committee's recommendation. The motion having been put to a vote, passed as follows: In favor: (5) Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: (1) Boggs - due to participation on Complaints Committee; Absent: 0

**e. In the matter filed by SG Rec'd 7/10/19** - Dr. Sasha Lambert\* and Dr. Koren Boggs presented a summary of the investigation and findings in this matter to the Board, which summary included a recommendation from the Complaints Committee to dismiss this matter without action. The Board thoroughly discussed the matter. Dr. Moore moved to accept the committee's recommendation. The motion having been put to a vote, passed as follows: In favor: (5) Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: (1) Boggs - due to participation on Complaints Committee; Absent: 0

**f. In the matter P17-18-07B** - Dr. Sasha Lambert\*, Dr. Koren Boggs and Attorney Courtney Newton presented a Consent Order negotiated and proposed as an agreed upon informal resolution for this case. By motion of Dr. Gormanous, the Board moved in favor of accepting the Consent Order but requested revisions be made to include specific guidelines related to Continuing Professional Development requirements. Ms. Newton advised that the Respondent would be allowed an opportunity to accept or reject the additional stipulations prior to agreeing. If rejected, the matter would be docketed for hearing and formal adjudication. The Board discussed the motion of Dr. Gormanous, with direction that the Committee continue to negotiate the recommended changes to the Consent Order. The motion having been put to a vote, passed as follows: In favor: (5) Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: (1) Boggs - due to participation on Complaints Committee; Absent: 0

**SUPERVISION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: APPLICANT/LICENSE FILE REVIEWS [LSA-R.S. 42.17.A(1)]:**

Dr. Moore reviewed the Application for Provisional License of **Danielle M. Cohn, Ph.D.** Finding that **Dr. Cohn** had completed the requirements for a provisional license and obtained appropriate supervision, Dr. Moore moved that the Board approve candidacy status, admission to the EPPP, and grant provisional licensure

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to **Dr. Cohn** while completing the supervision requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gormanous reviewed the Application for Provisional License of **Russell S. Anderson, Ph.D.** Finding that **Dr. Anderson** had completed the requirements for a provisional license and obtained appropriate supervision, Dr. Gormanous moved that the Board approve candidacy status, admission to the EPPP, and grant provisional licensure to **Dr. Anderson** while completing the supervision requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Temporary Registrations of **Dr. Karen Bronk Froming** with a motion to issue a temporary practice registration to Dr. Froming upon receipt of passing Jurisprudence Examinations. The Board discussed the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Robert L. Collins, Ph.D.**, with a motion that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Collins** and invite him to meet face to face with the board to complete the requirements for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gibson reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Roger Galen Clark, Psy.D.**, with a motion that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Clark** and invite him to meet face to face with the board to complete the requirements for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gibson reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Joseph D. Salande, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and invite **Dr. Salande** to take the Oral Examination to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

The Board received committee reports and recommendations as follows:

1. **Executive Director Report:** Ms. Monic reported that a notification from ASPPB had been received advising jurisdictions that the initial launch of the EPPP2 had been moved to November 2020 to allow early adopting jurisdictions additional time to complete the rule changes needed to begin using both parts of the EPPP.
2. **Finance Committee:**
  - a. **Financial Reports** – The Board reviewed the financial reports for November 2019 and December 2019. Dr. Gormanous moved to accept the financial reports as prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. **Leave Report Approvals (KB)** – Dr. Boggs reported the review and approval of Leave Reports for Ms. Monic; Ms. Monic reported the review and approval of Leave Reports for Mr. Owens.
3. **Oral Examination Committee** – No Report.
4. **Jurisprudence Examination Committee** – Dr. Henke reported that the committee will continue to meet and work on revisions to the examination.

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5. **Legislative Oversight Committee** – Dr. Gormanous confirmed that Senator Mills would continue to chair the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and anticipates senate and house committees to be announced in the coming week. Dr. Gormanous suggested the board consider exploring legislative initiatives that would enable the Board to initiate or confirm a summary suspension more efficiently. The Board discussed the recommendation and agreed that it would support this endeavor.
6. **Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards** – Dr. Gormanous reported he was considering attending the ASPPB Midyear meeting in Montreal. He requested board input on meeting with ASPPB’s Executive Director to continue an open dialogue on the EPPP2. The board was supportive of this meeting. Dr. Boggs reported that Dr. Richard Niolon, who is usually in attendance at board meetings, requested information that the board could provide, that he could use in his ethics course
7. **Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee** – Dr. Boggs reported that the Committee continues to work on compiling data from the survey regarding CPD and Unlicensed Assistants. Dr. Henke reported she is working on a newsletter article to continue outreach on this topic.
8. **Supervision/Credentials Committee** – Dr. Moore reported that the committee met this morning and reviewed files. Dr. Boggs reported that the workgroup revised professional reference forms for review and discussion. Dr. Boggs reiterated that the Committee’s goal in revising the forms was to be able to utilize the reference form to corroborate the applicant’s training and experience such that, if the applicant does not provide documentation that is consistent with an applicant’s declaration then the unverified competency will then become part of their oral examination. The committee discussed wording and challenges regarding changes to the process including initial delays. Ms. Monic agreed to take the committees notes and formulate a draft revision for further discussion next month.
9. **Complaints Committee** – Dr. Boggs reported that complaints were reviewed in executive session this date. Justin Owens, LSBEP Compliance Officer reported that the Board currently had 24 open cases: 2 new, 16 formal investigations, 2 in various stages of closure and 4 open cases against non-psychologists.
10. **Long Range Planning Committee** – No report.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. **STATUTORY - Considerations for 2020 Regular Legislative Session: Definition of “Practice of psychology”; Summary Suspension provision; Emeritus License (full retirement/no CE/minimum fee); R.S. 37:2356.B. and C. require updating related to examinations; Unlicensed Assistants; registration; revocation and fee schedule; and Disclosure of information received in an administrative investigation falling under other state or federal jurisdictional oversight** - The board continued its discussion on this topic and agreed to continue to review and work on outreach and solutions to address the current needs for proper administration of the boards delegation, including reviewing its statutory authority to institute a summary suspension of a license.
2. **Policy & Procedures:**
  - a. **Communications Policy** – The Board discussed adding a communication policy following board member training related to open meetings laws. No directives were initiated following this discussion.
  - b. **Defining New Roles: Compliance Officer and Public Board Member** – The Board discussed the need for a policy for duties and authority for the new position of Compliance Officer and Consumer Board Member. Mr. Mc Neely offered to propose some language for defining the role and authority of the consumer member for board review.

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**c. Complaints Policy** – The Board discussed amending the Complaints Policy to include the role and authority of its Compliance Officer. Ms. Monic offered to start drafting revisions for board review at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**3. Review LSBEP and LSSP rules and regulations for consistencies** – Dr. Gormanous suggested the LSSP Committee review the La. Administrative Code (Title 37, Part LXIII) pertaining to Licensed Specialists in School Psychology in relation to the changes that are being proposed, related to Licensed Psychologists, to ensure consistencies in the code.

Due to time constraints, the Board was not able to recess to committee groups, however Dr. Boggs assigned an ad hoc committee to work on regulations for unlicensed assistants consisting of board members Gibson, Boggs and Moore. Dr. Boggs also directed the committees working on Assessment of Competencies, Health Service provider vs. General Applied Psychology, and Continuing Education to continue to work on developing draft processes and language that address previously discussed objectives.

All business being completed, Dr. Henke moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30PM The motion passed unanimously.

#### LEGAL NOTICES

La. R.S. 37:23.2 - In compliance with La. R.S. 37:23.2, the LSBEP hereby gives notice to its licensees and applicants of their opportunity to file a complaint about board actions and board procedures. You may submit such complaints to one or more of the following organizations: Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists: **Submit in writing to:** LSBEP, 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, #C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816; [admin.lsbep@la.gov](mailto:admin.lsbep@la.gov); (225)925-6511; Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives: **Submit to:** [H&GA@legis.la.gov](mailto:H&GA@legis.la.gov) or Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives, PO Box 44486, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225) 342-2403; Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate: **Submit to:** [s&g@legis.la.gov](mailto:s&g@legis.la.gov) or Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate PO Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225)342-9845

LA R.S. 42.14.D. Public comments\*\* – In accordance with LA R.S. 42.14.D., the LSBEP shall allow public comments at any point during a meeting of the board prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. Individuals who wish to comment on a matter must sign in and state their intent to comment on a matter.

La. R.S. 44:33.1 - In compliance with La. R.S. 44:33.1, the LSBEP hereby gives notice that information submitted to the LSBEP may become public record pursuant to the provisions of Louisiana Public Records Law, La. R.S. 44:1, *et seq.*

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