

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2017

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The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, June 4, 2017. Dr. Darla Burnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2017 at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Darla Burnett, Phillip Griffin, Koren Boggs, Jesse Lambert, Amy Henke; and, Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic.

Dr. Burnett opened the meeting by reading the Board's Declaration of Purpose.

Dr. Boggs moved to approve the agenda for the day. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

The Board reviewed and discussed the meeting minutes from May 12, 2017. Dr. Griffin moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2017 as discussed. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Griffin moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1, to review complaints, conduct oral examinations and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Dr. Griffin moved to close executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board opened the meeting to the public at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Kim VanGeffen, LPA Liaison to the LSBEP was present for the open meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Board received the following committee reports:

Executive Director Report – Ms. Monic reported on the following:

- Rules on Fees, Ethics and Supervision will be published and final on June 20, 2017.
- LSSP Committee met June 6, 2017, at which time they reviewed applications and other business which have resulted in recommendations for consideration by the LSBEP.
- Due to the unprecedented hearing and litigation costs in the 2016-17 Fiscal Year, a deficit of approximately \$68K is anticipated and will need to be addressed in the 2017-18 Budget.
- Texas Board of Examiners is facing sunset (a copy of an email sent from TSBEP was provided to the Board).

Finance Committee Report

Dr. Burnett reported that she reviewed and approved Leave Reports for Ms. Monic.

Dr. Burnett reported that she reviewed and approved Bank Reconciliations prepared by Ms. Monic from April and May 2017. The Board reviewed and by motion of Dr. Griffin, unanimously accepted the financial statements prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA for April and May 2017.

Dr. Burnett also reported that she had reviewed the current financial state of the Board with Ms. Monic, noting the two biggest expenses are employees and legal fees. Dr. Burnett thanked Board Members for waiving their Per Diem and Travel reimbursements in FY 2016-17 to attend Board meetings, committee meetings, and LPA, and recommended, in an effort to remain fiscally responsible, that the Board continue to waive reimbursement and travel in the 2017-18 fiscal year given the anticipated deficit. Dr. Burnett further recommended that the Board continue to actively consider revenue development initiatives including review and approval of continuing education programs, inactive status, additional licensure types or registration of psychological assistants, providing continuing education workshops, and as a last resort, changes to staff.

Oral Examination Committee Report –Dr. Boggs reported the oral examination of Janina Mayeaux, Ph.D. was postponed at the request of the candidate due to extenuating circumstances. 4 Oral Examinations were conducted this day as follows:

Laura M. Marques, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Burnett, Griffin, Lambert, Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in School Psychology. A second oral examination for the added specialty in Clinical Psychology was conducted this date before Board Members, Drs. Burnett, Griffin, Lambert, and Boggs. Dr. Boggs moved that the Board grant **Dr. Marques** a license to practice psychology with declared specialties in School and Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

James P. David, Jr., Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Board Members, Drs. Burnett, Griffin, Lambert, and Boggs for an oral examination to complete the requirements for licensure via reciprocity with Texas. Dr. Lambert moved that the Board grant **Dr. David** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Mark Schexnaildre, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin and Henke for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Henke moved that the Board grant **Dr. Schexnaildre** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Uduakobong N. Ikpe, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Burnett, Boggs, and Lambert for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Lambert moved that the Board grant **Dr. Ikpe** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The

Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee – The reviewed and approved revisions to the Jurisprudence Examination.

Legislative Oversight Committee Report – Dr. Burnett reported that the 2017 Regular Legislative Session had ended. Ms. Monic reported updates on SB 37, SB 38, SB 75 and SB 216.

Supervision/Credentials Review - Dr. Burnett reported the results of the file reviews conducted this date in Executive Session as follows:

FILE REVIEWS [LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]:

Dr. Boggs reviewed the Application for Provisional License of **Amy Mikolajewski, Ph.D.** Dr. Boggs moved that the Board confirm her Candidacy status and approve her Provisional License to Practice Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Norma J. Charles, Psy.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Laura Harris, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the EPPP. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Kim M. Zweifler, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Larry D. Vaught, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed the Temporary Registration of **Troy A. James, Ph.D.** Dr. Henke, finding the requirements for Temporary Registration had been met, recommended the Board approve **Dr. James'** registration. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ann Carlin Dettman, S.S.P – LSSP Committee, after review and discussion, found Ms. Dettman's Application to be complete and therefore submitted a recommendation that Ms.

Dettman be granted licensure as a Specialist in School Psychology. Dr. Henke moved in favor of accepting the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Mandi G. Bonvillain, S.S.P – LSSP Committee, after review and discussion, found Ms. Bonvillain’s Application to be complete and therefore submitted a recommendation that Ms. Bonvillain be granted licensure as a Specialist in School Psychology. Dr. Henke moved in favor of accepting the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Teronica Walls, S.S.P – LSSP Committee, after review and discussion, found Ms. Walls’s Application to be complete and therefore submitted a recommendation that Ms. Walls be granted licensure as a Specialist in School Psychology. Dr. Lambert moved in favor of accepting the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Shanette Dominic, S.S.P – LSSP Committee, after review and discussion, found Ms. Dominic’s Application to be complete and therefore submitted a recommendation that Ms. Dominic be granted licensure as a Specialist in School Psychology. Dr. Lambert moved in favor of accepting the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Complaints Committee: - The following cases were reviewed by the Board in executive session:

1. **AD vs. ST** – Dr. Darla Burnett presented this complaint to the Board with a recommendation to dismiss. The Board thoroughly discussed this complaint and recommendation. After discussion, by motion of Dr. Boggs, the Board voted to close the matter without further action by roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.
2. **P14-15-13C** – Ms. Monic presented documentation to the Board representing final compliance in fulfilling the terms of the Consent Agreement with Marianne Walsh. Dr. Henke moved to accept the documentation presented and recognize the full compliance and completion of the terms of the agreement with Dr. Walsh, with a recommendation to close the matter and affirm that Dr. Walsh is in good standing with the Board. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards Report - Dr. Burnett reported that the Board presented at the Louisiana Psychological Association’s Annual Convention on June 3, 2017. Dr. Griffin reported that he participated on Dr. Janet Matthews panel for telepsychology practice.

Continuing Professional Development Committee – No report.

Long Range Planning/Awards Committee - The Board discussed potential topics for the LRP Agenda including developing Scope of Practice for Provisional Licensure.

LBAB Liaison – Dr. Griffin reported attending the LBAB meeting in May. He suggested that LSBEP members potentially share the role of Liaison or not be required to attend every meeting,

to ease travel to Baton Rouge twice per month. Options were discussed, no motion was presented.

LSBEP Education & Outreach – Deferred for discussion.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. LSSP Committee Discussion (Opinion regarding the definition of “School system” LA R.S. 37:2352(10)) –

The Board discussed and by motion of Dr. Griffin unanimously approved:

Opinion #21 Regarding the provision of educational services to students in Postsecondary Education.

Colleges and universities provide accommodations for enrolled students with identified disabilities as required through the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The institution supports these undergraduate and graduate students with services such as educational testing, review of formal evaluations, identification and implementation of appropriate accommodations, consultation with faculty, and skill development. An individual with an earned LSSP is qualified to provide educational and psychological assessment and recommendations related to school performance and educational needs. It is the opinion of the board that provision of school psychology services within a college or university disabilities center is within the scope of practice for an LSSP as stated in ACT No. 136. Licensees should understand that the services provided within a college or university disabilities center would remain within the scope of practice stated in ACT No. 136.

References:

Americans with Disabilities Act. (1990). Public Law 101-336. 42 U.S.C. 12111, 12112.

The Board discussed and by motion of Dr. Boggs unanimously approved:

Opinion #22 Provision of school psychology services through Early Steps

Early Steps is a program administered by the Louisiana Department of Health for infants and toddlers (aged 0-3) with delays in cognitive, motor, vision, hearing, communication, social-emotional and adaptive behaviors. The Department of Health implements early intervention for eligible children and their families as required by the United States Department of Education (34 CFR Part 303). The IDEA - Part C regulations include psychological services to eligible children within a multidisciplinary assessment and intervention framework. Professional staff are employed or contracted by the Department of Health to fulfill assessment and intervention needs of referred children.

Psychological services as described in § 303.13 are consistent with the qualifications of an LSSP, and include

“(i) Administering psychological and developmental tests and other assessment procedures; (ii) Interpreting assessment results; (iii) Obtaining, integrating, and interpreting information about child behavior and child and family conditions related to learning, mental health, and development; and (iv) Planning and managing a program of psychological

services, including psychological counseling for children and parents, family counseling, consultation on child development, parent training, and education programs.”

Historically, in Louisiana, Early Steps was administered through the State Department of Education and fully staffed by appropriately certified professional school system employees at the district level. Multidisciplinary teams for the Early Steps program typically include certified school psychologists, licensed social workers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapist, and other related disciplines. While the administration of the Early Steps program has moved to a different agency, there have not been significant changes to services provided to children and families.

It is the opinion of the board that an individual with an earned LSSP is qualified to provide school psychology services through the Early Steps program. The LSSP has the requisite training and professional practice history working within a multidisciplinary team format in the preparation of comprehensive integrated psychoeducational evaluation reports as well as service planning and implementation for individuals from birth through age 21. The licensee should understand that the scope of practice in providing these services remains consistent with ACT No. 136.

Early Steps Policy Manual

<http://ldh.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/OCDD/EarlySteps/FinalPolicyOctober2014OSEPJan2015.pdf>

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 34 CFR Part 303

http://ldh.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/OCDD/EarlySteps/Provider_Docs/ESPRFedRegister9-28-2011.pdf

2. **LSSP Appointment for 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2020** – The Board reviewed the self-nominations and unanimously appointed Dr. George Hebert to replace Dr. J. Stephen Welsh’s seat on the LSSP Advisory Committee to the LSBEP. The Board further commended Dr. Welsh thanking him for being a legacy member of the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) Committee and for pioneering the initiative to create a license for independent practice at a master’s level for specialists in school psychology to fill a void in the private and charter school system.
3. **LSSP Policy on Jurisprudence Examination Passing Score** - The Board discussed the recommendation of the LSSP Committee to amend the Jurisprudence Examination. Following review and discussion, Dr. Lambert moved in favor of the revisions. The motion passed unanimously. The Board also discussed the recommendation by the LSSP Committee that the passing score on the Jurisprudence Examination for the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology be set at 75%. After review and discussion, Dr. Griffin moved in favor of the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Insurance/Medicaid Reimbursement of Interns** - Dr. Griffin presented this matter and the movement of the American Psychological Association in seeking approval for reimbursement of psychological services performed by interns. The Board discussed this matter thoroughly, and affirmed that statutes are currently in place to facilitate reimbursement of

interns, who are providing psychological services under the current supervision of a licensed psychologist and in accordance with Title 46 Part LXIII of the Louisiana Administrative Code.

5. **Defining Provisional License, Scope and Limitations** - Ms. Monic suggested the Board may want to consider defining the scope and limitations of practice of the provisional license more clearly. Dr. Griffin agreed to explore this matter and requested it be placed on the Long Range Planning Agenda for future discussion.

6. **License/Revenue Development – Inactive License Status** - The Board discussed potential areas of revenue development for the Board. Ms. Monic was directed to begin drafting language for an inactive and a retired status license. Drs. Henke and Boggs will research masters level license. Dr. Burnett will research registration of unlicensed assistants to psychologists. Both of these items are to be added on the Long Range Planning Agenda.

7. **Complaints Committee (Ad hoc Study Group)** - Dr. Lambert agreed to draft objectives for the study group, for the board to review in July.

8. **Inquiries regarding CE Exemptions for Retired Psychologists** – The Board discussed and by motion of Dr. Griffin approved an exemption from CE Reporting for Earl Capron, who is fully retired from the practice of psychology and any other employment.

The Board discussed an agreed to waive the fee for an extension to report CE, however denied the request for an exemption by Dr. Addison Sandel.

9. **Inquiry from Dr. W. Alan Coulter** – The Board reviewed the request from Dr. Coulter, Director of the Louisiana School Psychology Internship Consortium (LAS*PIC) at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, concerning the request for an exception to a portion of the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part LXIII, Section 705[B] related to the qualifications of a supervisor, in order to allow Dr. Kimberly Sherman to begin supervisory duties for LAS*PIC prior to one year of licensure. The Board discussed this matter and by motion of Dr. Griffin, unanimously approved the exception.

10. **Board Sponsored Continuing Professional Development** – Ms. Monic presented the possibility of hosting a continuing education workshop to address legal and ethical standards of practice in psychology. The Board agreed to explore the idea, including potentially offering an online presentation.

11. **Division of Administrative Law, Administrative Law Judge** – Ms. Monic presented the a draft Memorandum of Understanding between LSBEP and DAL proposing that the board utilize the judges and other administrative services offered by the DAL in administrative hearings. The Board thoroughly reviewed and discussed revisions. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board approve the relationship and affirm the authority of the Executive Director to enter into the agreement on behalf of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **Discuss formal response to the National Register** – The Board discussed the request of the National Register considering their presentation on May 12, 2017 prior correspondence in

consideration of accepting the *National Register of Health Service Psychologists* licensure mobility program as reciprocal licensing in Louisiana. By motion of Dr. Henke, the Board maintained its original position, that the substantive differences in the requirements for licensure in Louisiana versus the requirements to obtain credentialing with the National Register would circumvent the laws and rules for licensure in Louisiana. The motion passed by majority roll call vote as follows: Burnett - Abstained, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Dr. Burnett, in her last gesture as LSBEP Chair, expressed her sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Board for their dedication and service throughout her tenure as Chair. The Board reciprocated these feelings, noting her hard work and dedication to working after hours to ensure matters were addressed thoroughly and timely and thanking her for always helping new members feel oriented and welcomed!

Dr. Lambert moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.