

**Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
*October 7, 2016*

*FINAL APPROVED: November 10, 2016*

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Dr. Burnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Darla Burnett, Phillip Griffin, Koren Boggs, Jesse Lambert, and Amy Henke (Appointed September 28, 2016); and, Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic.

Dr. Burnett opened the meeting by reading the Board's Declaration of Purpose and welcoming the Dr. Amy Henke to the Board.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the agenda for the day. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed the meeting minutes from September 23, 2016. Dr. Griffin moved to approve the minutes of September 23, 2016. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Committee Assignments were finalized as follows:

**Finance Committee:**

Dr. Burnett, Dr. Griffin

**Complaints Committee:**

Dr. Burnett, Dr. Griffin

**Long Range Planning Committee:**

Dr. Burnett, Dr. Griffin

**Legislative Oversight Committee:**

Dr. Burnett, Dr. Lambert

**Supervision & Credentials Review:**

Dr. Griffin, Dr. Henke

**Oral Examination Committee:**

Dr. Boggs, Dr. Henke

**Jurisprudence Exam Committee:**

Dr. Griffin, Dr. Boggs

**LABA Liaison:**

Dr. Griffin

**Liaison Professional Organizations/Boards:**

Dr. Griffin, Dr. Boggs

**Continuing Professional Development Committee:**

Dr. Lambert, Dr. Henke

**LSBEP Education and Outreach:**

Dr. Griffin, Dr. Burnett

Dr. Lambert moved to enter into executive session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1, to 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 1:50 p.m. Dr. Julie Nelson, President Elect of LPA and Editor of the Psychology Times was present for the open meeting. Dr. Burnett welcomed Dr. Nelson and opened business with committee reports.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Board received the following committee reports:

***Executive Director Report*** – Ms. Monic reported that she and Dr. Boggs were registered and had made travel arrangements to attend the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting from October 19-22, 2016. Dr. Jesse Lambert is not able to attend due to personal reasons.

Ms. Monic reported that the Call for Nominations opened on October 1, 2016 for the upcoming election to fill the vacancy occurring June 30, 2017. No nominations have been received to date. Nominations will be announced at the November Long Range Planning Meeting.

Ms. Monic also read a follow up letter from Dr. Mark Vigen wherein he thanked the Board for allowing him to visit and explain the challenges that child custody evaluators face and request that the board "...ensure that those who investigate complaints against child custody evaluators are well versed in the complexities and background noise (sometimes anger and rage) associated with people in litigation over the control of their children...[and]...not only protect the public but to protect psychologists who work hard to serve the courts..."

The Board again acknowledged their appreciation for Dr. Vigen's communication with the Board on this topic.

### ***Finance Committee Report***

The Board reviewed Financial Statements for September 2016 prepared by Ms. Valerie Dominique. Ms. Dominique reporting that the Board's financial status remains steady; that both revenue and expenses are under budget for the first quarter of the fiscal year. Dr. Boggs moved to accept the financial statements provided by Ms. Dominique. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reported that she reviewed and approved Bank Reconciliations prepared by Ms. Monic from September 2016.

***Oral Examination Committee Report*** –Dr. Boggs reported on the following Oral Examinations conducted this day in Executive Session:

**ORAL EXAMINATIONS [LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]:**

***Alyse Blanchard, Ph.D.*** appeared before Drs. Griffin and Lambert for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Lambert presented the matter to the Board with a motion that the Board grant **Dr. Blanchard** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed by unanimously.

***Patrick Bell, Ph.D.*** appeared before Drs. Burnett, Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Boggs presented the matter to the Board with a motion that the Board grant **Dr. Bell** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in School Psychology. The motion passed by unanimously.

***Alexandra Sims, Ph.D.*** appeared before Drs. Griffin and Lambert for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Griffin presented the matter to the Board with a motion that the Board grant **Dr. Sims** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in School Psychology. The motion passed by unanimously.

***Tracy A. Lewis-Todd, Ph.D.*** appeared before Drs. Burnett, Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Boggs presented the matter to the Board with a motion that the Board grant **Dr. Lewis-Todd** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed by unanimously.

***Matthew D. Sobesky, Psy.D.*** appeared before Drs. Griffin and Lambert for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Griffin presented the matter to the Board with a motion that the Board grant **Dr. Sobesky** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed by unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reported that ***Dr. Elizabeth Carey*** recently changed addresses and did not receive timely notice of her Respecialization Oral in Clinical Psychology and would therefore be rescheduled for the next oral administrations.

**Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards Report** – Dr. Griffin reported that he continues to work on the neuropsychology standards.

**LBAB Liaison** – Dr. Griffin reported that he would be attending the next LBAB meeting scheduled for October 18, 2016.

**Continuing Professional Development Committee** – Dr. Lambert reported that all CPD Reports for the 2016 Renewal Period had been approved and there were no major issues. Ms. Monic added that Audits would be initiated in the coming month.

**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. Burnett reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Kimberly B. David, 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. Boggs reviewed and presented the Application for License via Reciprocity of **Beth C. Arrendondo, Ph.D.** to the Board, with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Jurisprudence Examination and meet with the Board to review and verify satisfactory character, current fitness, plans to practice, and specialty declaration for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and presented the Application for License via Reciprocity of **Richard L. Frederick, Ph.D.** to the Board, with a motion to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take the Jurisprudence Examination and meet with the Board to review and verify satisfactory character, current fitness, plans to practice, and specialty declaration for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for License via Reciprocity of **Kathleen J. Brock, Ph.D.** to the Board, with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Jurisprudence Examination and meet with the Board to review and verify satisfactory character, current fitness, plans to practice, and specialty declaration for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lambert reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Susannah Smith, Ph.D.** to the Board, with a motion to advise the applicant of additional documentation needed to complete application. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed and approved the Supervised Practice Plan of **Amy Lofton, Psy.D.**

**Complaints Committee:** No Complaints were considered in Executive Session this date. Dr. Griffin reported that Dr. Christopher Garner tendered a verbal resignation from his contract position as Complaints Coordinator, for personal reasons, on September 23, 2016. Dr. Griffin moved that the minutes reflect the Board's appreciation for his work. The Board unanimously concurred.

The Board discussed a second complaints coordinator contract in light of Dr. Garners resignation and in the event Dr. Sasha Lambert needed to recuse herself from a matter. Dr. Boggs moved to offer a contract not to exceed \$6,000 for an auxiliary Complaints Coordinator to Dr. Joseph Constans for overflow or for matters unable to be handled by Dr. Lambert.

**Long Range Planning/Awards Committee:** Dr. Burnett reserved her report for the LRP Discussion Item.

**Legislative Oversight Committee Report:** Dr. Burnett reported as the Board representative for the **Task Force for Meaningful Oversight (SCR65)**. She gave an overview to the Board, and to bring Dr. Henke up to date on the purpose and progress of the Task Force. She explained that the last meeting was held on September 26, 2016 wherein the Task Force discussed the list of questions requested of all participating boards, and which the LSBEP reviewed with Attorney Amy Groves Lowe. She stated that they had not received the draft recommendations to date, but it seemed as though the Task Force participants were in agreement that 1) stronger language concerning immunity statutes were needed, 2) grant all boards authority to seek injunctions; 3) a change in board composition was not necessary; and, 4) they are opposed to a “Superagency”. Most boards were not receptive to FARB’s Model, which LSBEP has adopted. The amenable solution that most boards seemed receptive toward was a panel to review matters involving non-market participants (i.e. cease and desist letters). The panel is proposed to consist of one attorney from the Attorney General’s office, one attorney from General Counsel, and a member of Boards and Commissions. The Facilitators Stephen Russo and Angelique Freel will draft the recommendation for discussion at the next meeting scheduled for October 24, 2016.

Dr. Julie Nelson requested to comment on this topic. Dr. Nelson expressed concern over the Board’s response to the SCR 65 Task Force questions and indicated that communication to the public needed to be faster for public input, specifically with rule-making, she didn’t agree that the public had adequate time to provide a response. She recommended posting minutes faster or broadcasting video or recorded meetings online.

Ms. Monic commented that more than adequate time is offered in rule-making and also on the Board’s transparency in posting notifications of agenda discussion topics, meeting minutes, drafts of rules on the LSBEP website [for licensees or the public], and inviting former board members and the La. Psychological Association (LPA) to the table to discuss draft rules. Ms. Monic gave an example of the Board’s rule-making for Chapters 8 and 9 as taking more than one year to finalize despite attempts to accommodate requests and comments prior to initial publication in the LA Register.

The Board continued to discuss the proposition to broadcast their meetings in another format. The Board agreed to investigate logistical issues that would be required to implement and maintain this proposal. Dr. Nelson, having a previous engagement, left the meeting.

There was no report from the following committees: ***LSBEP Education & Outreach***

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Review LSPA Presentation** – Ms. Monic presented the Power Point Presentation that the LSBEP La. Specialists in School Psychology Committee (Drs. Carmen Broussard and Steven Walsh) plan to present at the Louisiana School Psychology Association. After discussion, the Board amended the slide pertaining to history of the LSSP certification. Dr. Burnett requested that Ms. Monic should appear for the presentation if possible. By motion of Dr. Griffin, the Board approved the LSSP presentation and travel for Ms. Monic to attend the LSPA Meeting on November 3, 2016 in Lafayette, LA.

**Awards Ceremony** – The Board discussed the Awards Ceremony and the potential to have it during the time set for the Long Range Planning Meeting tentatively scheduled for November 10-11, 2016. The Board affirmed the use of the Marriott Baton Rouge for the LRP Meeting in the event of a hearing cancellation, as the space is already reserved. The Board affirmed the honorees as being Outgoing Chair - Marc L. Zimmermann, Ph.D., Outgoing LSSP Committee Member – Lucinda Lang DeGrange, Ph.D., and Former Complaints Coordinator - C. Gary Pettigrew, Ph.D.. The Board acknowledged that the amount budgeted for awards/gifts would be slightly over budget, with three honorees.

**Long Range Planning Preparation and Agenda Review** – The Board reviewed the Long Range Planning meeting agenda and items including rule-making drafts to amend LAC: Title 46: Part LXIII. Chapter 33; Chapter 13 and Chapter 15; the possibility of amending the requirements to obtain a specialty designation in Clinical Neuropsychology; and registering unlicensed assistants. Dr. Henke was assigned to investigate the LRP Discussion Topic for Conversion Therapy, with Drs. Boggs and Burnett. Dr. Lambert was assigned to investigate pros and cons of defining specialties versus having a Health Service Designation/Non-Health Service Designation versus generic licensure.

Dr. Burnett moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.