

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: *January 16, 2015*  
*APPROVED: February 27, 2015*

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order by Dr. Culross, Board Chair, at 8:30 a.m., Friday, January 16, 2015, at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett, Phil Griffin, Joseph Comaty; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Kim VanGeffen, Ph.D., LPA Representative, was in attendance during the public hour.

Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the January 16, 2015 agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Comaty moved to approve the November 21, 2014 minutes with corrections. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Comaty moved to approve the December 19, 2014 minutes with corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4), Dr. Culross moved to enter Executive Session to review legal matters and discuss complaints. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Comaty-yay and Griffin-yay.

Dr. Culross moved to close Executive Session to enter the following:

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

- a. **PR v. JS**: Dr. Pettigrew presented the Board with a summary of the allegations as reported in the request for investigation and his recommendations. The Board discussed the matter. Dr. Comaty moved to dismiss the case. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **IPP-2014-01**: Ms. Parker informed the Board that the psychologist selected a Board approved psychologist for the required clinical evaluation. The Board discussed the information. Dr. Zimmermann moved to correspond directly with the evaluator regarding the Board's procedure. The motion passed.

**Oral Examinations[LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]:**

Courtney Baker, Ph.D., appeared before Board members, Drs. Zimmermann and Griffin, for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. The entire Board discussed Dr. Baker's oral examination. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant Dr. Baker a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Royce Butler, Psy.D. appeared before Board members Drs. Culross, Burnett and Comaty for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. The entire Board discussed Dr. Butler's oral examination. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant Dr. Butler a license to practice

psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Leila Miller, Ph.D., appeared before the Board for an oral examination in School Psychology. The Board discussed Dr. Miller's oral examination. Dr. Comaty moved that the Board grant Dr. Miller a license to practice psychology with a specialty in School Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Matthew Holcomb, Ph.D., appeared before the Board for an oral examination in Clinical Neuropsychology. The Board discussed Dr. Holcomb's oral examination. Dr. Zimmermann moved that the Board grant Dr. Holcomb a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Neuropsychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

**Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:**

Dr. Griffin reviewed the applications for provisional licensure of: Mandi Musso, Ph.D., Victoria Tomassetti-Long, Ph.D., and Jennifer Hughes, Ph.D. Dr. Griffin moved to approve provisional licensure for all three candidates. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the Emeritus request for Dr. David Kidder. The Board discussed the request. Dr. Zimmermann moved to grant Emeritus licensure to Dr. Kidder. The motion passed completely.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the Application for Reinstatement of William McBride Ph.D., LA Lic. No. 1253, along with other materials required for reinstatement. The Board discussed the file. Dr. Zimmermann moved to reinstate the license of Dr. McBride effective January 16, 2015 through July 31, 2015.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and moved to approve the Supervised Practice Plans of: Ashley Breedlove, Psy.D. and Kimberly Hutchinson, Ph.D. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed the Non-APA internship of Kimberly Hutchinson, Ph.D. Dr. Burnett moved approve the internship program. The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty reviewed supplemental communication on behalf of applicant Lili Reboul, Psy.D. regarding her internship and postdoctoral work, and an appeal for reconsideration regarding the Board's December 19, 2014 decision to deny candidacy status. The Board discussed the matter carefully. Dr. Comaty moved to offer Dr. Reboul, 30 additional days to submit the previously requested information and if the documentation is not received, the file will be denied and not reconsidered. The Board discussed the motion and it passed by roll call vote as follows: : Culross-yay, Comaty-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Griffin-yay and Burnett-yay.

Dr. Comaty reviewed the request for special consideration from applicant for licensure, Dawn Sharpless, Ph.D. Dr. Comaty discussed the request with the Board. Dr. Comaty

searched the internet and found needed information in relation to Dr. Sharpless's request. Dr. Comaty moved to deny Dr. Sharpless request for special consideration and provide her the additional information located by the Board. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Comaty-yay.

Dr. Comaty reviewed the supplemental audit response of Dr. Sherree Moskow. Dr. Comaty moved to accept the documentation submitted. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

***Finance Committee:*** The Board reviewed and discussed items for the 2015-2015FY budget. The Board also discussed a proposed contract for Deborah Harkins, Esquire, as a Legislative Consultant for the 2015 Legislative Session. Dr. Culross moved to deny the contract because the cost was too high for the current year's budget. The motion was discussed. The motion passed unanimously. The Board reviewed a proposal from the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board [LBAB] to enter into a new MOU beginning February 1, 2015 through July 2015, which would require each board to pay a 50/50 percentage of the operational expenses (e.g., rent) and pay salaries at a 70/30 split. The Board discussed the proposed MOU. Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the terms and enter into a new MOU with the LBAB. The motion passed unanimously.

***Oral Examination Committee:*** Dr. Griffin moved to create new Clinical Neuropsychology vignettes. The motion passed unanimously.

***Jurisprudence Examination Committee:*** Ms. Parker presented the Board with a draft jurisprudence exam for LSSP licensure, which was prepared by the LSSP Advisory Committee. The Board reviewed and discussed the exam. Dr. Comaty moved to approve the exam for LSSP licensure. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culross-yay, Burnett-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Comaty-yay and Griffin-yay.

***Legislative Oversight Committee:*** Ms. Parker updated the Board regarding the proposed legislation for the 2015 Legislative Session. She reported that a draft document should be available at the next meeting for approval.

***Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards:*** The Board reviewed an invitation from BRASP President, Dr. Bob Storer, to present a brief presentation at the January meeting regarding legislative session. Dr. Culross moved to accept the invitation and have Ms. Parker assist with presenting the information at the meeting. The motion was discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board also revisited LPA's request to obtain a list of phone numbers of all licensed psychologists. The Board discussed the issue carefully and consider legal advice from Lloyd Lunceford, Board Counsel. The Board opined that the since the information is "protectable", they would like to offer all psychologists the option to "opt out" of the phone number disclosure because if the phone numbers are released to LPA, then they would be required to be released to all other solicitors. The Board discussed the "opt out" procedure. Dr. Burnett

moved to deny the release of the list of phone numbers until the Board has a database that would allow the “opt out” feature to be done in a cost conservative manner. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay, and Comaty-yay.

**Continuing Education:** The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to the continuing education rules that would require Emeritus psychologists to obtain CPD beginning in the reporting periods that start July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016. The Board opined that a clarifying email should go out regarding the current CPD requirements.

Dr. VanGeffen, LPA Representative, addressed the Board regarding the new CPD requirements. Dr. Comaty reminded Dr. VanGeffen that nothing is a final written statement or factual until the Board provides written responses to her questions. Once written responses are produced, the responses will also be circulated to all licensed psychologists.

The Board also reviewed and briefly discussed future CPD workshops for licensees.

**Complaints Committee:** No new report.

**Long Range Planning Meeting:** The Board discussed the feedback at the recent LRP meeting. Drs. Griffin and Burnett agreed to work with Dr. Darlene Nemeth to revise the Clinical Neuropsychology rules as discussed at the LRP meeting.

**LBAB Liaison Report:** No new report other than the information discussed during the Finance Committee.

**Ad hoc: Elections Committee:** Ms. Parker presented the Board with the LSBEP election results. She reported that a total of 394 licensed psychologists voted in the election (391 electronic/3 paper ballots). The votes were as follows: Stubblefield-176, Boggs-132, Lambert-71 and Abstainations-15. The Board briefly discussed the election results. Ms. Parker noted the results would be posted on the website.

**Ad hoc: Media Policies:** The Board reviewed and discussed the draft Media/Public Information Policy prepared by Drs. Comaty and Zimmermann. Dr. Zimmermann moved to approve the policies and remove the committee from future agendas. The motion was discussed. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Comaty-yay.

Professional Workgroup: Dr. Zimmermann reported that the first meeting of the workgroup would be held on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Parker informed the Board that all 3 psychological associations will be taking part in the workgroup. The other designees are: Kim VanGeffen, Ph.D. (LPA), Amy Childress, Ph.D.(LSPA) and K. Chris Rachal, Ph.D., MP(LAMP).

**Discussion Items:**

1. Recording of telephone calls: The Board revisited this suggestion from the December 19, 2014 meeting. The Board discussed the notion and possible technical issues/difficulties with the idea. The Board opined that this would not be carried out at this time.

2. FARB Membership: Ms. Parker suggested the Board consider becoming a member of the Federal Association of Regulatory Boards [FARB] in addition to the current ASPPB membership. The FARB association includes a variety of disciplines and provides training and resources, such as a Model Code of Conduct. The Board discussed the suggestion. Dr. Griffin moved to approve the FARB membership. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Behavior Health Integration Advisory Group: Ms. Parker informed the Board that she and a LSBEP member had been invited to participate in DHH's Behavior Health Integration Advisory Group beginning January 30, 2015. The group will discuss issues and areas of concern for the Medicaid transition of behavioral health services from Magellan to the Bayou Health Plan. Dr. Culross moved to approve Ms. Parker's participation in the group. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Culross designated Dr. Comaty as the additional LSBEP representative.

4. Use of the "psychologist" title: Dr. Zimmermann discussed with the board the use of the title "licensed psychologist" by individuals no longer licensed with the LSBEP. He noted that the proper title for MPs licensed only with the LSBME is "licensed medical psychologist". The Board discussed the issue. Dr. Zimmermann moved for Ms. Parker to contact Dr. Mouton to discuss the issue further. The motion passed unanimously.

5. New business for next month: No new business noted.

Dr. Culross moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 p.m.