

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: *November 20, 2014*  
*APPROVED: December 19, 2014*

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order by Dr. Zimmermann, Vice Chair, at 8:35 a.m., Thursday, November 20, 2014, 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. Dr. Rita Culross was absent. Dr. C. Gary Pettigrew, LSBEP Complaint's Coordinator, was in partial attendance for the legal review and complaints discussion. Dr. Griffin exited the meeting early.

Dr. Griffin moved to accept the November 20, 2014 agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Comaty moved to approve the October 3, 2014 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4), Dr. Zimmermann 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: Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Comaty-yay and Griffin-yay.

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

**Meeting – James Raines, Esquire [LSA-R.S.42.6.1]:** The Board met with Mr. Raines to discuss a potential contract for representation.

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

- a. **RD v. JS:** Dr. Pettigrew presented the Board with a summary of the Request for Investigation and his recommendation. The Board discussed the matter carefully. Dr. Comaty moved to dismiss the matter. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **JF v. GB:** Dr. Pettigrew presented the Board with a summary of the Request for Investigation and his recommendation. The Board discussed the matter carefully. Dr. Zimmermann moved to dismiss the matter and not open an investigation. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **P12-13-14C:** Ms. Parker presented the Board with communication from the Respondent and documentation submitted in satisfaction of the Consent Order. The Board reviewed the information and discussed the matter. Dr. Comaty moved to accept the information, note the matter as completed, and release the Respondent from the Consent Order. The motion passed by roll call vote: Zimmermann-yay, Comaty-yay, Burnett-yay and Griffin-yay.

- d. **P14-15-2C:** Dr. Pettigrew presented the Board with a summary of the matter and noted the statute of limitations had expired. Dr. Comaty moved to dismiss the matter due to the statute of limitations. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. **P12-13-12C:** Ms. Parker presented the Board with communication from the Respondent's counsel. The Board discussed the status of the case. Dr. Zimmermann moved to deny the request to waive fees at this time because Respondent's counsel and/or the Respondent did not provide the information requested by the Board. The motion passed by roll call vote: Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Comaty-yay and Griffin-yay. Dr. Zimmermann directed Ms. Parker to notify Respondent's counsel accordingly.
- f. **IPP-2014-01:** Ms. Parker presented the Board with an update on matter. The Board reviewed documentation submitted by the psychologist. The Board discussed their concerns and agreed to dictate an impaired agreement for execution. Upon completion of the draft document, the Board reviewed the final agreement. Dr. Comaty moved to accept the document and offer it to the psychologist. The motion passed by majority vote: Zimmermann-yay, Comaty-yay and Burnett-yay. Dr. Griffin did not attend the discussion. Dr. Zimmermann moved that the document be offered to the psychologist and he notify us of his willingness to participate within one week from the date of offering. The motion passed.
- g. **LSBEP v. APC:** Ms. Parker presented the Board with information submitted to the Board office regarding APC. Ms. Parker noted that the business has "psychology" in the name but reported that she confirmed that no licensed psychologists are on staff. She mentioned that the business employed only LPCs. The Board reviewed the information. Dr. Burnett moved to issue a cease and desist letter to APC and notify the LPC Board. The motion passed unanimously.
- h. **Warning Letters for Noncompliance:** The Board directed Ms. Parker to send warning letters of noncompliance to all psychologists who did not update information pursuant to LAC, Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Chapter 9.

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

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

Lauren Robinson, Psy.D. appeared before Board members Drs. Burnett and Comaty for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. The full Board discussed Dr. Robinson's oral examination. Dr. Comaty moved that the Board grant Dr. Robinson a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Shawanda Woods, Psy.D. appeared before Board members for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. The full Board discussed Dr. Wood's oral examination. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant Dr. Wood's a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

James Giddens, Psy.D., ABPP, appeared for a meeting with the Board for licensure via reciprocity. The Board discussed Dr. Giddens' file. Dr. Zimmermann moved that the Board granted Dr. Giddens a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Yaron Rabinowitz, Ph.D., ABPP, was scheduled to appear before the Board for a meeting for licensure via reciprocity. Dr. Rabinowitz did not show up for the appointment.

**Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:**

Dr. Griffin reviewed the application for licensure files of Royce Butler, Ph.D., Leila Miller, Ph.D., Stephen Anen, Ph.D., and James Underhill, Psy.D. Dr. Griffin moved to approve their candidacy status and invite them to take the licensing examinations. The Board discussed the files and the motions passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed the Non-APA internship of Burton Ashworth, Ph.D. Dr. Burnett move to accept the internship program. The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed the Supervised Practice Plan of Jacqueline Ball, Ph.D., Megan Binder, Ph.D., Burton Ashworth, Ph.D., Amanda Gallagher, Ph.D., Jennifer Hughes, Ph.D., Victoria Tomassetti-Long, Ph.D., and Laura Niditch, Ph.D. The Board discussed the plans. Dr.

Burnett moved to approve all of the Supervised Practice Plans. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed the reinstatement application and file of Angela Vigna, Psy.D. After careful review and discussion with the Board, Dr. Burnett moved to reinstate Dr. Vigna's license in Louisiana. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty reviewed the temporary registration application of Michael McCrea, Ph.D. The Board discussed the application. Dr. Comaty moved to grant Dr. McCrea temporary privilege as of November 20, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty reviewed communication and documentation from applicant Lili Reboul, Psy.D. regarding her internship and postdoctoral work. The Board discussed the matter carefully. Dr. Comaty moved to notify Dr. Reboul that only LSBEP documents will be accepted for the internship and postdoc supervision because it requires specific information required for LA licensure. The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty reviewed the licensure file and citizenship status of Lisa Solursh, Psy.D., pursuant to LAC Title 46, Part LXIII Psychologists, Chapter 103. The Board discussed the matter. Dr. Comaty moved to request updated information regarding Dr. Solursh's citizenship status. The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports:**

***Finance Committee:*** Ms. Parker informed the Board that Attorney General's Office is requiring an additional resolution for all legal contracts regarding fees. The Board acknowledged the information and authorized Ms. Parker to submit the resolutions for processing.

***Oral Examination Committee:*** No new report.

***Jurisprudence Examination Committee:*** Dr. Comaty presented the Board updates to the Jurisprudence exam. The Board discussed the updates. Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the exam as final with the updates. The motion passed unanimously.

***Legislative Oversight Committee:*** Dr. Comaty and Ms. Parker updated the Board regarding the progress of the art therapy task force. The Board reviewed the proposed legislation and task force report. Dr. Comaty moved for Ms. Parker to draft a response to the proposed documents for Board review since she is the designated member of the task force. The motion passed unanimously.

***Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards:*** No new report.

***Continuing Education:*** The Board reviewed a request from Dr. Burka regarding continuing education activities. The Board also reviewed the audit results and any deficiencies with the results. The Board discussed forms for continuing education reporting.

**Complaints Committee:** Dr. Burnett moved to hire James Raines, Esquire, with Breazeale, Saches & Wilson, LPP to represent the Board as an administrative prosecutor in disciplinary matters. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board also reviewed the complaint and investigation process.

**Long Range Planning Meeting:** The Board reviewed and tentatively approved the agenda for the LRP meeting on November 21, 2014.

**Telepsychology Workgroup:** The Board reviewed the proposed Telepsychology guidelines.

**LBAB Liaison Report:** No new report.

**Ad hoc: Elections Committee:** Ms. Parker updated the Board regarding the election software and election process. She noted that ballots would be sent during the first week of December 2014.

Discussion Items:

1. LSSP Advisory Committee Report: Ms. Parker reported that things were going smoothly and the group was productive at the last meeting. Ms. Parker noted that the committee was working on the Jurisprudence exam for LSSP licensure. The next meeting is planned for December 4, 2014.
2. Future meeting dates for 2015: This matter was tabled until next meeting.
3. New business for next month: Dr. Zimmermann requested an item be added to the Complaint Review/Legal Matters section.

The meeting ended at 4:40 p.m.