

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: *March 13, 2015*  
*APPROVED: May 29, 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, March 13, 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.

Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the March 13, 2015 agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Zimmermann moved to approve the February 27, 2015 minutes as amended. 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. P14-15-4C: Dr. Pettigrew presented the findings of an investigation and recommended dismissal. The Board carefully considered the information. Dr. Comaty moved to dismiss the matter. The motion passed as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Comaty-yay and Griffin-abstained.
- b. P14-15-6C: Dr. Pettigrew presented the findings of an investigation and recommended dismissal. The Board discussed the information and recommendation. Dr. Burnett moved to dismiss the matter but issue a collegial letter of guidance. The motion was discussed. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. P14-15-7C: Dr. Pettigrew presented the findings of an investigation and recommended dismissal. The Board discussed the matter carefully. Dr. Zimmermann moved to dismiss the matter. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. P14-15-8C: Dr. Pettigrew presented the findings of an investigation and recommended dismissal. The Board considered the information. Dr. Burnett moved to dismiss the matter. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. P14-15-9C: Dr. Pettigrew presented the findings of an investigation and recommended dismissal. The Board

considered the information. Dr. Burnett moved to dismiss the matter. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

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

Katherine Price, Ph.D. was scheduled for an oral examination in School Psychology. Dr. Price's exam was canceled at her request.

**Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:**

Dr. Griffin reviewed the applications for licensure of: Holland Miller, Psy.D., Paul Wadler, Ph.D., Jennifer McCarroll, Ph.D., Amy Meredith, Psy.D., Santino LoVullo, Ph.D. and Lisa Isaac, Ph.D. Dr. Griffin moved to invite the candidates to take the examinations for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and recommended the following individuals be granted provisional licensure: Burton Ashworth, Jr. and Lindsey Poe, Ph.D. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed completely.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the Emeritus request of Alice Crawford, Ph.D. The Board discussed the request. Dr. Zimmermann moved to grant Emeritus licensure to Dr. Crawford. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the reinstatement application of Katherine Krefft, Ph.D. The Board discussed the request. Dr. Zimmermann moved to reinstate the license of Dr. Krefft. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty reviewed and moved for approval of the following Supervised Practice Plans: Abigail Lambert, Ph.D. and Melissa Kunimatsu, Ph.D.(corrected plan). The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Dr. John Mendoza. The Board considered Dr. Mendoza's concerns and requests very carefully. Dr. Zimmermann moved to close the matter since the Board had previously issued a letter of information. The motion passed by majority vote as follows: Culross-yay, Comaty-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-nay and Griffin-nay.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** Ms. Parker updated the Board with current financial information. Ms. Parker noted that the contracts for the Complaint's Coordinator[Pettigrew] and Investigator[McCoy] would need to be amended for the 2014-2015FY due to the large, unanticipated, volume of work with the disciplinary matters. Dr. Zimmermann moved to increase Dr. Pettigrew's contract to \$7,000 through June 30, 2015 and Mr. McCoy's contract to \$12,000 through June 30, 2015. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Comaty-yay, and Griffin-yay.

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

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

**Legislative Oversight Committee:** No new report.

**Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards:** Ms. Parker reported that she was working with ASPPB to develop the PLUS application.

**Continuing Education:** No new report.

**Complaints Committee:** No new report.

**Long Range Planning Meeting:** No new report.

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

**Professional Workgroup:** Dr. Zimmermann reported that the first meeting of the workgroup was held on March 6, 2015. Dr. Zimmermann summarized the discussion of the workgroup members. The Board members discussed the Professionalism survey as well. Ms. Parker reported that the next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2015.

**LSBEP Education & Outreach:** Dr. Comaty reported that he and Dr. Zimmermann were continuing to work on Continuing Professional Development outreach.

**Discussion Items:**

1. **Annual Ethics Filing:** Ms. Parker reminded the Board about the annual ethics filing

deadline of May 15, 2015.

Public Comments: No comments were received.

Dr. Culross moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.