

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: July 18, 2014
APPROVED: August 15, 2014

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:30 a.m., **Friday, July 18, 2014**, at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann Phil Griffin; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Drs. Burnett and Brown were absent.

Nominations for officers in the 2014-2015FY were opened. Dr. Zimmermann nominated by motion Dr. Culross for Board Chair. No other nominations for Chair were made. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Griffin nominated by motion Dr. Zimmermann for Vice Chair. No other nominations for Vice Chair were made. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Culross tabled the decision on committee assignments until a new board member is appointed.

Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the July 18, 2014 agenda. Motion passed unanimously without opposition.

Dr. Zimmermann moved that the minutes of June 27, 201 be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to **LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4)**, Dr. Culross moved to enter Executive Session to review legal matters, meet with Board Counsel, discuss LSSP Advisory Committee nominations and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay and Griffin-yay.

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

Complaint Review/Legal Matters:

a. P12-13-2C: The Board reviewed the final Opinion and Order of Revocation.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

Dr. Griffin reviewed the application for licensure file of Joette James, Ph.D. Dr. Griffin moved to approve her candidacy status and invite her to take the licensing examinations. The Board discussed the files and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the application for licensure file of Andrea LaPlante, Psy.D. Dr. Zimmermann moved to approve her candidacy status and invite her to take the licensing examinations. The Board discussed the files and the motion passed.

Dr. Culross reviewed the application for respecialization in clinical neuropsychology of Kirsten Schwehm, Ph.D. After careful review and discussion with the Board, Dr. Culross moved to request more information regarding Dr. Schwehm's qualifications. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed the request for Emeritus status of Gary E. Johnes, Ph.D. Dr. Griffin noted that Dr. Jones met the age requirement and was retired. Dr. Griffin moved to grant Emeritus status to Dr. Jones. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, and Griffin-yay.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed and moved to approve the non-APA internship of James Underhill, Psy.D. The Board discussed the internship and motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed and moved to approve the non-APA program of Melissa Kunimatsu, Ph.D. The Board discussed the program and motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Culross reviewed the file of John Hamilton, Ph.D., along with his criminal background report and response. Dr. Culross moved to accept the documents and allow Dr. Hamilton to continue with the licensure process. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Nominations for LSSP Advisory Committee [LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]: The Board reviewed nominations and discussed the qualifications of each individual nominee. After careful discussion and thorough review of the nominations submitted, Dr. Culross moved to appoint J. Steven Welsh, Ph.D. as a member of the advisory committee for a first term of 3 years. The motion passed without opposition. Dr. Griffin moved to appoint Lucinda DeGrange, Ph.D. as a member of the advisory committee for a first term of 2 years. The motion passed without opposition. Dr. Culross moved to appoint Carmen Broussard, Ph.D. as a member of the advisory committee for a one-year term. The motion passed without opposition.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Parker updated the Board regarding the upcoming audit. Ms. Parker also presented the Board with the final MOU regarding sharing of costs with the LBAB. The Board discussed the MOU. Dr. Culross moved to accept and execute the MOU. The motion passed, no opposition.

Oral Examination Committee: No new report.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: No new report.

Legislative Oversight Committee: The Board reviewed the appointments to the LSSP Advisory Committee. The Board reviewed the draft rules for LSSP regulation. Dr. Zimmermann moved to approve the draft rules. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed without opposition. The Board also reviewed the notice received regard HCR 159 which was established to create a task force on art therapist licensure and regulation. Ms. Parker noted that the group is required to meet by September 1, 2014 but that no meetings have been established to date.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: The Board reviewed the official

meeting announcement from ASPPB's annual conference scheduled for October 22-26, 2014 in Rancho Mirage, California. Dr. Culross and Ms. Parker plan to attend.

Continuing Education: No new report.

Complaints Committee: No new report.

Long Range Planning Meeting: No new report.

Telepsychology Workgroup: Dr. Griffin reported to the Board regarding the first Telepsychology meeting, which was held on July 11, 2014. Dr. Griffin noted that the group had a lot of work to do. He mentioned that the group plans to look at Ohio's telepsychology guideline model as well as the national models available. The Board discussed the next meeting. Dr. Griffin agreed to postpone the next meeting until September due to the Board's schedule.

LBAB Liaison Report: No new report.

Ad hoc: Elections Committee: In Dr. Burnett's absence, Ms. Parker updated the Board regarding elections. The Board reviewed each quote for services. The Board requested that Ms. Parker and Dr. Burnett participate in the demos and also create a new nomination form for review by next meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. **Update to Open Meetings Laws:** Ms. Parker presented the Board with the updated Open Meetings Laws requirements, which changed slightly during the 2014 Legislative Session. The Board discussed same. Dr. Culross noted that the LSBEP has always been in compliance with Open Meetings Laws and is currently in compliance with the revised requirements.
2. **Ethics Board Response:** The Board reviewed the July 8, 2014 letter received from the State Ethic's Board . The Board discussed the letter briefly. Dr. Culross pointed out that the Ethic's Board cannot rule on this issue because it is not an issue governed by the State Ethic's code.
3. **Future Meeting Dates:** The Board discussed future meeting dates. The Board agreed to schedule a date for August only at this time. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 15, 2014.

Dr. Zimmermann moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The motion passed.