

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2011

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:45 a.m., Friday, September 16, 2011, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Tony Young, Lee Matthews, and Marc Zimmermann; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Drs. John Courtney and Rita Culross were absent. Complaints Coordinator Gary Pettigrew, Ph.D. was in partial attendance.

Dr. Zimmermann moved that the minutes of August 26, 2011 be accepted. The motion passed.

Dr. Matthews moved to add an item under Complaints/Legal Matters to the Agenda. The motion passed and the agenda was accepted by roll call vote, Young-yea, Matthews-yea and Zimmermann-yea.

Pursuant to LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4), Dr. Young moved to enter Executive Session to review legal matters, conduct oral exams and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows Matthews – yea Zimmerman-yea.

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

Complaint Review/Legal Matters:

- a. **P10-11-06C:** Dr. Pettigrew presented the case and recommended dismissal of the matter. Dr. Young moved to accept the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **JC v. DF, et al.:** Ms. Parker presented a summary of case. The Board reviewed correspondence from Respondent RB. The Board agreed that Dr. Young would clarify the resolution of this matter with RB.
- c. **LSBEP v. LG (NP):** Ms. Parker presented the allegations of the matter before the Board. The Board agreed that the matter should be further investigated and reported on next meeting.
- d. **LSBEP v. DJ (NP):** Ms. Parker presented the summary and findings to the Board. The Board agreed that the Respondent was in compliance with the cease and desist letter and the matter should be closed.
- e. **Review of LPC matter:** Dr. Matthews presented the matter and the Board agreed to not take any further action at this time.

Oral Examination:

Merry R. Buckley, Psy.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Matthews moved that the Board grant Dr. Buckley a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed. .

Stephany L. Hillman, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Zimmerman moved that the Board grant Dr. Hillman a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The motion unanimously passed. .

Lee B. Kneipp, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Dr. Matthews and Dr. Zimmerman for an oral examination. Dr. Young recused himself. Dr. Matthews moved that the Board delay a decision on Dr. Kneipp's license to practice psychology until a quorum of the Board could vote. The motion unanimously passed.

Lou'uan Gollop-Brown, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Dr. Matthews and Dr. Zimmerman for an oral examination. Dr. Young recused himself. Dr. Zimmerman moved that the Board delay a decision on Dr. Brown's license to practice psychology until a quorum of the Board could vote. The motion unanimously passed.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

The Supervision/Credentials Committee conducted file reviews and made recommendations as follows:

Dr. Young, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Adam B. Hess, Ph.D.** recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Hess and invite him to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young upon review of the application file for licensure of **Heather Sterling, Ph.D.** recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Sterling and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Lauren E. Pasqua, Psy.D.** recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Pasqua and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young reviewed the request of **Lacey LeBlanc Seymour, Ph.D.** and recommended that the Board invite her to continue her oral examination. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young reviewed and recommended the Board accept the supervised practice plans of **Shaundra P. Johnson, Ph.D., Mark A. Skellie, Ph.D. and Emily O Boudreaux, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young reviewed and recommended the Board accept the non-APA internship of **Steven D. Abney, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young reviewed the request for assistance from **Kentrell Avery, Ph.D.** It was determined that Ms. Parker would call Dr. Avery's postdoctoral supervisor and request the necessary paperwork be completed.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Coordinator: The Board discussed the requests made to the Attorney General's Office regarding LPC Rulemaking and Child Custody Guidelines.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Ms. Parker presented letters from the Social Work Board and LPC Board for review. It was determined that the Board would draft a letter on behalf of all three Boards to the FTC regarding Internet Website Advertisement.

Continuing Education: Ms. Parker advised the Board that the random audit for the 2011 renewal

season was underway as of September 8, 2011. Dr. Young advised the Board that he has yet to receive information from ASPPB regarding continued competency. The Board discussed moving forward and proceeding with changing the continuing education requirements from 30 credits to 40 credits.

Complaints Committee: The Board discussed the Complaints Coordinator issue presented at the August 26, 2011 meeting by Dr. Pettigrew.

Long Range Planning Meeting/Awards Ceremony: The Board discussed possible dates for the Long Range Planning Meeting, including the possibility of January 13-14, 2012 or January 27-28, 2012.

Sunset Review Committee: Dr. Matthews reported that he and Dr. Young attended the September 10, 2011 LPA meeting. The Board discussed taking the lead in the Sunset 2012 process with some assistance from LPA. The Board also discussed making tweaks to the law during Sunset 2012, to possibly include changing the requirements for licensure.

There was no report from the **Finance Committee or Oral Examination Committee.**

Discussion Items:

Texas Reciprocity Agreement: The Board reviewed correspondence received from the Texas Board of Psychology and the 1994 Texas Reciprocity Agreement. The Board has reconsidered its previous decision and the formal administration of a separate oral examination, for those who have never had an oral examination, will not be required. The Board agreed to reserve the right to meet with all reciprocity candidates to review and verify their satisfactory character, current fitness and plans to practice in addition to the jurisprudence examination pursuant to Section F of the 1994 Reciprocity Agreement.

Telesupervision: The Board reviewed the request of George Hebert, Ph.D. regarding Telesupervision including "Skype". The Board did not have a definitive opinion or decision about the issue but agree to consider the issue as well as adding it to the Long Range Planning Meeting agenda.

Executive Director Review: The Board agreed that the probationary term for the Executive Director position was completed. The Board agreed to table the decision on salary increase until the October 28, 2011 meeting, however, noted that any salary increase would be retroactive from the September 16th meeting date.

3:25 p.m. Dr. Zimmerman moved to adjourn for the day. The motion unanimously passed.