

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2018

FINAL APPROVED: February 23, 2018
AMENDED: March 16, 2018

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Dr. Phillip Griffin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Phillip Griffin, Koren Boggs, Amy Henke, Leah Crouch and, Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic. Attorney Courtney Newton was present for part of the meeting to present and discuss complaint matters in Executive Session. Dr. Jesse Lambert was absent.

Dr. Griffin opened the meeting by reading the Board's Declaration of Purpose.

Dr. Henke moved to approve the agenda for the day. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Crouch- YEA, Henke – YEA.

The Board reviewed and discussed the meeting minutes from December 15, 2017. Dr. Boggs moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017 as discussed. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Boggs moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1, to review complaints and conduct oral examinations and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch- YEA.

Dr. Boggs moved to close executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board opened the meeting to the public at 2:30 p.m. no one from the public community was present for the open meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Board received the following committee reports:

Executive Director Report – Ms. Monic reported on the following:

- Elections closed on December 22, 2017. Ms. Monic reported that she requested that Simply Voting send the certified results of the election to LPA President, Julie Nelson. Ms. Monic reported those results to the Board as follows:
 - Of 768 electors, 211 participated. Dr. Greg Gormanous received 169 votes. 42 electors abstained.
- Ms. Monic reported that LPA should report these results in accordance with LA R.S. 37:2353.A(2).

- Ms. Monic reported that oral arguments were heard in the LA First Circuit in the matter of Dr. Eric Cerwonka (Plaintiff/Appellee) and LA State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Defendant/Appellant) on January 10, 2018.
- No updates were available with regard to the Motion to Dismiss filed in the Civil Suit against the Board by Eric Cerwonka in the U.S. District Court.

Finance Committee Report

Dr. Griffin reported that he reviewed and approved Leave Reports for Ms. Monic. Dr. Griffin reported that he reviewed and approved Bank Reconciliations prepared by Ms. Monic from December 2017. The Board reviewed and by motion of Dr. Henke accepted the Financial Statements for December 2017 prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA.

Ms. Monic reported the need for a contract amendment for Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLC in relationship to the ongoing litigation and that the matter was on the agenda as a discussion item.

Oral Examination Committee Report – The Board discussed restructuring future agendas and scheduling oral examinations at the end of the day rather than the beginning of the day for better time management. Therefore,

Dr. Boggs reported with regard to oral examinations conducted in executive session, that 2 candidates cancelled, and 7 individuals were licensed this date as follows:

Michael Franks, Jr., Psy.D. appeared before the Board for licensure via reciprocity as a diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology. Dr. Crouch moved that **Dr. Franks** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

Kristen Leigh Joiner Miller, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Miller** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

Laurence P. Perotti, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Perotti** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

Hilary Adams, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin and Crouch for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Griffin moved that **Dr. Adams** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by majority roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA. Dr. Boggs abstained.

Wendy F. Melancon, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Boggs and Crouch for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Boggs moved that **Dr. Melancon** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

James F. Sanders, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Neuropsychology. Griffin moved that **Dr. Sanders** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Neuropsychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

Umieca Hankton, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin, Boggs, Henke and Crouch for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Henke moved that **Dr. Hankton** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

Supervision/Credentials Review - Dr. Henke reported the results of the file reviews conducted this date in Executive Session as follows:

FILE REVIEWS [LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]:

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the Application for License of **John M. Tracy, Ph.D., Provisional License #1406**, to the Board with a motion to invite Dr. Tracy to take the Oral Examination to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Cedrina K. Averette, Ph.D., Provisional License #1397**, to the Board with a motion to invite Dr. Averette to take the Oral Examination to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed the Temporary Registration for **Jill Lynette Kelderman, Ph.D.**, applying from Florida. Dr. Henke presented that the requirements for temporary practice had been provided and recommended that Temporary Registration be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and approved the Supervised Practice Plan for **Sarah K. Thomas, Psy.D.**

Dr. Crouch reviewed and approved the Supervised Practice Plan for **Frank Pittenger, Ph.D.**

The Board reviewed, discussed and approved the final notice to **Chad Lewing, Ph.D.**

Complaints Committee: - No report.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards Report – No report .

Continuing Professional Development Committee – No report.

Long Range Planning/Awards Committee – Dr. Griffin issued work assignments to facilitate drafting rules for the initiatives to develop the rules previously approved at the Long Range Planning Meeting in November 2017. Assignments are as follows:

1. Emeritus status – Phil Griffin
2. Inactive license – Jesse Lambert
3. Continuing Professional Development – Leah Crouch

Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (LBAB) Liaison – No report.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee – No report.

Legislative Oversight Committee Report – No report.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. **Audit for Reciprocity requirements with ASPPB, Certificate of Professional Qualifications and ABPP Diplomats*** - Dr. Boggs was assigned this matter for review and recommendation in February 2018.

2. **Contract Amendment: Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLC** - The Board discussed amending the dollar amount of the contract for Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLC in relationship to the ongoing litigation. Dr. Henke, moved in favor of increasing the current contract amount by \$7,500. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

3. **Contract Renewal: with Deborah Harkins for 2018 Regular Legislative Session [Rodel, Parsons, Koch, Blanche, Balhoff & McCollister]** - The Board discussed renewing the contract with Ms. Harkins for the 2018 Legislative Session. Dr. Griffin recommended renewing the terms and rates of the 2016-17 contract with **Rodel, Parsons, Koch, Blanche, Balhoff & McCollister** in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for the remainder of the 2017-18 Fiscal Year and through June 30, 2019. Dr. Henke moved in favor of the recommendation. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

4. **Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) Part I and Part II** - The Board discussed concerns with the development of the new EPPP and ASPPB's requirement that jurisdictions require both Part I and II for licensure in Louisiana. Additional concerns were raised regarding the substantial fee increase, lack of data provided for exam validity, and the preadmission and vetting of candidates by ASPPB rather than by licensing jurisdictions. The Board agreed to formulate a response and request for additional information

5. **Contract for Website hosting for www.lsbep.org*** - The Board reviewed and approved the contract with General Informatics for continued website hosting for \$995.

Dr. Henke moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.