

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2011

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday, October 28, 2011, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Tony Young, Lee Matthews, Rita Culross, John Courtney and Marc Zimmermann; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Dr. Julie Nelson was in partial attendance for the public hour.

Dr. Matthews moved to revise the Agenda to include a complaint, LSBEP v. JA (NP-LPC). The agenda was accepted with the addition.

Dr. Courtney moved to accept the October 28, 2011 agenda. The motion passed.

Dr. Matthews moved that the minutes of September 16, 2011 be accepted. The motion passed.

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, Culross-yea, Courtney-yea and Zimmerman-yea.

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

Complaint Review/Legal Matters:

- a. **LSBEP v. DS(NP-LPC):** Ms. Parker presented information for the Board's review. After careful consideration of the facts presented, Dr. Young moved to open a legal file with regard to the matter, issue a cease and desist on the respondent and also file a complaint with the Licensed Professional Counselors Board. The motion passed.
- b. **LSBEP v. RR (NP-LPC):** Ms. Parker presented information for the Board's review. After careful consideration of the facts presented, Dr. Young moved to open a legal file with regard to the matter, issue a cease and desist on the respondent and also file a complaint with the Licensed Professional Counselors Board. The motion passed.
- c. **LSBEP v. JA (NP-LPC):** Dr. Matthews presented information for the Board's review. The Board agreed to open a legal file and notify the respondent of the Internet advertisement violations and copy the Licensed Professional Counselors Board on the correspondence. The motion passed.

Oral Examinations:

Lauren E. Pasqua, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members Dr. Young, Dr. Matthews and Dr. Zimmerman for an oral examination. Dr. Zimmerman moved that the Board grant **Dr. Pasqua** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Adam B. Hess, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members Dr. Courtney and Dr. Culross for an oral examination. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant **Dr. Hess** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Dustin B. Wielt, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members Dr. Courtney and Dr. Culross for an oral examination. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant **Dr. Wielt** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Kelly R. Gerhardstein,, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members Dr. Young, Dr. Matthews and Dr. Zimmerman for an oral examination. Dr. Matthews moved that the Board grant **Dr. Gerhardstein** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Lacey LeBlanc Seymour, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for the continuation of her oral examination. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant **Dr. Seymour** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in School Psychology. 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 **Julia D. Buckner, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Buckner 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 **Steven Abney, Ph.D.** recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Abney 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 **Carol Freeman, Ph.D.** recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Freeman and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

A file review was conducted on **Dian Evans, Ph.D.** application materials. The Board opined that Dr. Evans did not meet the requirements for candidacy because her Fielding Graduate degree did not include at least one continuous academic year of full-time residency pursuant to the requirements of the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 46 §303.C.10.

Dr. Young, upon review of the Texas reciprocity application file of **Carmen Rita Kaimann, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Kaimann** and invite her to take the jurisprudence examination for licensure and meet with the Board. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young reviewed and recommended the Board accept the Temporary Registrations of **Phillip M. Stahl, Ph.D.** and **Natalie Novick Brown, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Matthews, upon review of the request for Emeritus Status of **William B. Janzen, Ph.D.**, recommended that **Dr. Janzen** be granted Emeritus Status. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney reviewed and recommended the Board accept the supervised practice plan of **Jennifer Reck-Gordy, Ph.D.** The recommendation passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request of **Rex LeBlanc, Ph.D.** to accept a fee in the amount of \$160 for the reinstatement of his Emeritus license. Upon careful consideration, the Board denied the request pursuant to LA R.S. 27:2354.C. and opined that the reinstatement fee is the current application fee and current renewal fee.

The Board reviewed the criminal background history of applicant **David Landry, Ph.D.** The Board determined Dr. Landry's application is still pending.

Dr. Young reviewed and recommended the Board accept the internship hours of **Shaundra Johnson, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young reviewed and recommended the Board accept the internship of **Adam Reinwald, Psy.D.** and that the hours be credited accordingly. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young reviewed the application file of **Ronald L. Davis, Ph.D.** that was originally opened in April 2006. Dr. Young moved that since the file had been inactive since 2006 and that there was no further contact from Dr. Davis, the file should be withdrawn from applicant status. The motion passed.

Dr. Young reviewed the 2006 application file of **Michael Segal, Psy.D.** and the request of the applicant to continue the licensure process. Dr. Young recommended that the 2006 application file be withdrawn and closed, and that Dr. Segal reapply for licensure. The recommendation was accepted and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: The Board reviewed and accepted the Financial Reports prepared by Ouida Nugent for August and September 2011. Dr. Young moved that the Board establish the ability to fine licensees in legal matters for the Board's expenses. It was also suggested that the Board consider a flat fee chargeable to licensees for the Board's time. Dr. Young suggested that Ms. Parker consult with the Board of Medical Examiners to consult about this process.

Oral Examination Committee:

No report.

Legislative Coordinator: No report.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Drs. Young, Culross and Matthews reported on the ASPPB Annual Meeting, which was recently held in Chicago, Illinois, on October 19-23. It was noted that significant topics discussed were Telepsychology, Behavior Analysts and Continued Professional Development.

The ASPPB 27th Midyear Meeting will be held April 12-15, 2011, in New Orleans. Dr. Culross reported that Dr. Young and/or Kelly Parker are invited to attend and address the ASPPB Board of Directors at their meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2011. Dr. Young moved to accept the invitation for the Board

of Directors meeting, the motion was approved.

Continuing Education: Dr. Young reported that he has not received any further information on the ASPPB Guidelines for Continuing Professional Development. The Board discussed amending rules and regulations to incorporate the ASPPB guidelines. The guidelines are expected to outline the ASPPB recommendations to require licensees to earn 40 units every two years, with a maximum number of credits allowed for each area. The Board discussed implementation of the new requirements and the need for offering workshops throughout the State.

Complaints Committee:

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Michael D. Chafetz, Ph.D., ABPP. Dr. Chafetz requested that the Board consider developing procedures to handle motivated or malicious complaints against psychologists. After careful consideration and discussion, the majority of the Board opined that the current policies and procedures are those that have been recommended by ASPPB and best protect the public. Dr. Zimmerman moved for the Board to do further research on the topic before issuing a response. The motion failed. Dr. Zimmerman moved to add the item to the Long Range Planning Meeting agenda, the motion passed.

Long Range Planning Meeting/Awards Ceremony: Ms. Parker reported that the Awards Ceremony in honor Joseph E. Comaty, Ph.D., M.P. and Jaime Monic, would begin at 7:00 p.m. The Board discussed possible dates for the Long Range Planning Meeting and asked the members to confirm availability for January 27-28, 2011.

Ad hoc Committee: Sunset Review: Dr. Matthews reported about his research regarding the postdoctoral experience.

Executive Director's Report: Ms. Parker reported that she met with Emily Efferson, Executive Director of the Louisiana Social Work Board and discussed licensure, discipline and sunset review. Ms. Parker also reported that ASPPB will be utilizing an online application system in the near future and that the EPPP fee would increase to \$600 in March 2013. Ms. Parker also reminded the Board of the Travel Policies and reimbursement of expenses. Dr. Matthews moved to allow Dr. Young to use a rental car through the Enterprise State Car Rental for his travel to and from meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Telepsychology: Dr. Young addressed the Board about an earlier request regarding Telesupervision and the use of "Skype". Dr. Young informed the Board that the matter was discussed at ASPPB and it was learned that Skype is not a confidential source, and that anything conducted on Skype, according to their terms and agreement, belongs to Skype. The Board decided to revisit this issue at the Long Range Planning Meeting but in the meantime would advise licensees to only perform duties within the scope of practice as governed in the rules and regulations.

Behavior Analysts: The Board discussed the regulation of Behavior Analysts and decided to add this topic as an Ad hoc Committee and on the Long Range Planning Agenda.

LPA's October 17, 2011 request regarding Act 251: The Board reviewed the request of Dr. Griffin, President of LPA, to provide feedback regarding Act 251. The Board agreed to reapply to Dr. Griffin

and provide a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between LSBEP and LSBME. Ms. Parker will also obtain an accurate accounting of the number of MPs licensed through LSBME.

Proposed Language for LAPT conference brochure: The Board reviewed the request of Michelle Niemeier, Ph.D. regarding proposed language to be included in the LAPT Conference brochure. The Board opined that the language should not include “Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists”.

Potential Ethical Issue on SOAP Committee: The Board reviewed the request of Gabriel Rodriguez, Ph.D. regarding potential ethical issues while serving on a Sex Offender Assessment Panel and expressing an opinion via record review. After careful review and pursuant to APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, 9.01C, the Board advised that when a record review is conducted or consultation and an examination is not warranted, psychologists must explain this and the sources of information on which they based their conclusions and recommendations.

The Psychology Times request for information on Act 251: The Board reviewed the request of information from The Psychology Times regarding Act 251. Specifically the Times is requesting information that was previously noted as attorney-client privileged. After discussion, the Board noted that Act 251 was prior to all of the current members terms and wanted additional time to investigate whether any further information could be disclosed.

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

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

Executive Director Review: The Board agreed that the Executive Director would receive a salary increase, and agreed to include an Executive Director increase in next year’s budget.

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