

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
LICENSED SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 7, 2023
FINAL APPROVED Tuesday, September 5, 2023

The meeting of the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Advisory Committee [herein Committee] of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists [Board] was noticed and the agenda was posted Monday, June 5, 2023. Dr. George Hebert called the meeting to order on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 1:46 p.m. at **LSU Health Sciences Center, 411 South Prieur Street, ROOM HDC 128, New Orleans, LA 70112**. Committee Members Present: Dr. George Hebert, Dr. Katherine Chenier, Ms. Kelley Pursell, Ex Officio Member Jaime Monic and the Administrative Assistant for the Board, Ms. Jalyne Brown.

Dr. Chenier moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Hebert seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of March 9, 2023. Dr. Chenier moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2023. Ms. Pursell seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. **La Department of Education** – Ms. Monic updated the committee on the Board’s acceptance the guidance developed by the LSSP Committee that compared the equivalencies identified with respect to education, training and continuing education for LSBEP and LDOE’s respective licenses/certifications/renewals/ recertifications. That the guidance was shared with LDOE but nothing additional has transpired. Ms. Monic also let the committee know that the Board was appreciative of the work that went into reviewing the standards and creating the table.

b. **Update on new Criminal Background Check** procedures – Ms. Monic provided an update to the committee on the new procedures required under the Louisiana State Police to obtain a criminal background check through Identigo.

c. **Review application forms to identify needed updates in the LSSP Application** - The Committee identified needed changes to explain the new procedure for initiating a criminal background check; update the disciplinary attestations, removal of the option to have the application processed through ASPPB/PLUS, and corrections to formatting. Ms. Monic stated she would create a working draft for the committee to review the progress of the changes.

d. **Status of Rulemaking: LSSP Ethics/CPD hours** – Ms. Monic provided an update that the rulemaking drafted by the Committee pertaining to the LSSP Ethics Code and reduction in the requirement of CPD hours from 50 to 40, had been finalized with the register.

e. **Future Committee Meetings/Location** – The Committee reviewed their calendar and confirmed the following meeting dates: September 5, 2023, December 5, 2023, March 5, 2024 and June 4, 2024.

f. **2023 Call for Nominations to fill the vacancy occurring on July 1, 2023** - Ms. Monic reported she sent several emails calling for nominations, and the ensuing opening is posted on the website of the board, but there have been no nominations submitted to fill Dr. Hebert’s seat. Ms. Monic advised that Dr. Hebert would continue to serve until his replacement was appointed. The Committee members agreed to spread the word that there was an available opening. The Committee discussed the recurring issue of finding a licensed psychologist with a specialty in school psychology to replace the current member. The rule was reviewed noting also that an LSSP Committee member was limited to two terms. The Committee requested the matter be reported to the Board, with a recommendation to consider a rule revision to allow for the make-up of the committee to include two masters/specialists level LSSPs and 1 doctoral level licensed psychologist with a specialty in school psychology. Or the possibility of the third position being a flex position depending on available recommendations/applications.

g. **Telesupervision of Licensed Specialists in School Psychology** – The Committee discussed the new Telesupervision guidelines published for Licensed Psychologists. Ms. Monic had a question as to whether Telesupervision was appropriate for a classroom setting and clarification of how Telesupervision would be utilized by an LSSP. It was noted that supervision in training may look different from supervision of an individual working under the direction of an LSSP; and whether that was a relevant practice model. The Committee agreed that the discussion needed to be continued to the next meeting which would give them time to review regulations and better prepare for the discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Dr. Hebert moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:17.A(2) and (4) conduct file reviews on application files for licensure as an LSSP. The motion was considered and put to a vote by the Committee. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the committee members present.

Dr. Hebert moved to close Executive Session and enter the Open Meeting to report on and receive motions for Executive Session matters as follows:

The Committee reviewed the Application for Licensed Specialist in School Psychology of **Ashlyn M. Lege, S.S.P.** Dr. Hebert moved that once staff was able to secure the final material required as part of the administrative review, that the file was otherwise complete, and Ms. Lege could be recommended for licensure by the LSBEP at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Committee discussed the motion, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Chenier reported the Application for Licensed Specialist in School Psychology of Amber Osborn was reviewed. Finding the application was awaiting outstanding documentation, no motions were offered.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.