

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Special Meeting

Friday, March 15, 2024

FINAL APPROVED: April 19, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board or LSBEP) was noticed pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2353(B) for the sole purpose of considering licensing recommendations and other matters that required board decisions prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The final agenda was posted and emailed to individuals and the news media who have requested to receive notices of LSBEP meetings on March 13, 2024. The notice included information on how to view the meeting virtually via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82507059591?pwd=ecboDCWAcFEbJxz_zXEEtBpZ-82zps.1 Passcode: S46L5k; Or One tap mobile: US: +13017158592, 82507059591#, *143629# or +13126266799, 82507059591#, *143629#; Or Telephone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):US: +1 301 715 8592; +1 312 626 6799; +1 929 205 6099; +1 253 215 8782; +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833 **Webinar ID:** 825 0705 9591 Passcode: 143629

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Dr. Michelle Moore, Dr. Shannae Harness, Dr. Matthew Holcomb, Dr. Shawanda Woods-Smith

Board Members Absent: Dr. T. Shavaun Sam

Staff Present: Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic

In-person Attendees: None

Zoom Attendees: Shay Burns

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of members being present, the Board Chairperson, Dr. Michelle Moore, called the meeting to order at 2:26 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE: Dr. Moore read the mission statement as follows, *“It is hereby declared that the creation of a state board of examiners of psychologists is necessary in order to safeguard life, health, property, and the public welfare of this state, and in order to protect the people of this state against unauthorized, unqualified, and improper application of psychology.”*

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dr. Woods-Smith moved to approve the agenda as written. The motion to approve the agenda passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, and Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

Oral Examination Committee Recommendations:

- a. **Denese G. Marshall, Psy.D.** appeared at 9:00 a.m. on March 15, 2023 before Examining Board Members: Moore and Woods-Smith for licensure via reciprocity as a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology. Finding that **Dr. Marshall** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Marshall** a license to practice psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, and Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
- b. **Rachel Elisabeth Young, Psy.D.** appeared at 9:00 a.m on March 15, 2024 before Examining Board Members: Harness and Holcomb for licensure via reciprocity as a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology. Finding that **Dr. Young** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Holcomb moved that the Board grant **Dr. Young** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by

- unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, and Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
- c. **Amanda Nicole Battle, Psy.D.** appeared at 9:30 a.m on March 15, 2024 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Moore and Woods-Smith. Finding that **Dr. Battle** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Battle** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, and Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
 - d. **Daniel William Capron, Ph.D.** appeared at 10:30 a.m on March 15, 2024 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Harness and Holcomb. Finding that **Dr. Capron** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Holcomb moved that the Board grant **Dr. Capron** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, and Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
 - e. **Brittane A. Miller, Psy.D.** appeared at 10:30 a.m on March 15, 2024 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Moore and Woods-Smith. Finding that **Dr. Miller** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Miller** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, and Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
 - f. **Danbi Choe, Ph.D.** appeared at 12:30 p.m on March 15, 2024 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Moore and Woods-Smith. Finding that **Dr. Choe** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that the Board grant **Dr. Choe** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in School Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, and Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
 - g. **Shay L. Burns, Psy.D.** appeared at 12:30 p.m on March 15, 2024 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Harness and Holcomb. Finding that **Dr. Burns** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Harness moved that the Board grant **Dr. Burns** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Harness, Holcomb, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (1) Moore; Absent: (1) Sam.
 - h. **Peter H. Lewis, Psy.D.** appeared at 1:30 p.m on March 15, 2024 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Harness and Holcomb. Finding that **Dr. Lewis** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Holcomb moved that the Board grant **Dr. Lewis** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Harness, Holcomb, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (1) Moore; Absent: (1) Sam.
 - i. **Kendall Jasper, Ph.D.** appeared at 1:30 p.m on March 15, 2024 for an Oral Examination for License Reinstatement before Examining Board Members: Moore and Woods-Smith. Finding that **Dr. Jasper** has successfully completed the requirements for license reinstatement, Dr. Moore moved that the Board reinstate **Dr. Jasper's** license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dr. Harness moved to enter Executive Session to Consider credentials and discuss the top three nominations to submit to Governor Landry's office for appointment to the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

Dr. Moore moved to exit Executive Session to consider motions for a recommendation to Governor Landry's office for appointment to the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

Ms. Monic reported that Dr. Moore was recused from the Executive Session discussion.

6. Consideration and selection of top 3 nominations to submit to the Governor Landry's office. The Governor will select one for appointment to the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board to serve concurrently with his term. Dr. Holcomb moved to recommend the following names for appointment to the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board: George Bokelberg, Psy.D., Hannah C. Walsh, Ph.D. and Rafael Salcedo, Ph.D. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Harness, Holcomb, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (1) Moore; Absent: (1) Sam.

7. Review and consideration of candidates and funding to fill the In-house Attorney position.

a. Courtney Newton

Ms. Monic presented a status update on the Vacant Position of Executive Counsel: Prosecuting Attorney which included a history of the position, factors that could impact filling the position, Ms. Newton's interest in the position, and moving forward in the current state. The Board thoroughly discussed the situation. With a consensus of the members present that the Board wanted to continue with the unclassified position, the following motions were offered:

1. Dr. Moore moved that the Board authorize the Executive Director to engage with Civil Service to file the required paperwork to request a continuance of the unclassified position. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
2. Dr. Moore moved that the Board expand the pay structure for the Board's current job positing for the position to open the pay structure to consider a persons salary based on experience and offer a flexible work schedule. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
3. Dr. Moore moved in favor of authorizing the Executive Director to engage with Ms. Newton for a proposal for employment with the Board for consideration at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting in April 2024. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.
4. Dr. Moore moved that the Executive Committee consisting of herself, Dr. Harness and Ms. Monic conduct interviews of any new qualified applicant that may submit their resume and interest prior to the April 2024 meeting or filling the position and that the Committee invite the recommended candidate to meet with the full board at the regularly scheduled meeting in April 2024. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In

favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

All business being completed, Dr. Harness moved to adjourn at 4:43 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Holcomb, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Sam.

LEGAL NOTICES

LA R.S. 42.14.D. Public comments** – In accordance with LA R.S. 42.14.D., the LSBEP shall allow public comments at any point in the meeting prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. Individuals who wish to comment on a matter must sign in and state their intent to comment on a matter. La. R.S. 44:33.1 - In compliance with La. R.S. 44:33.1, the LSBEP hereby gives notice that information submitted to the LSBEP may become public record pursuant to the provisions of Louisiana Public Records Law, La. R.S. 44:1, et seq.