

Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board
4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150,
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: July 19, 2023
(Approved August 16, 2023)

The meeting of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (Board) was noticed and called to order once a quorum was met by Board Chair, Angela Murray at 9:55 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Present were Board Members: Angela Murray, Rebecca Mandal-Blasio, Alfred Tuminello, Jr., Daniela Riofrio, Executive Director Rhonda Boe and Executive Administrator, Krysta Babin. Board Members Renee Cole, Joseph Tuminello, III and Courtney Wright were absent.

A motion was made by Dr. Mandal-Blasio to approve the agenda for the July 19, 2023 meeting. None opposed and the motion passed.

Pursuant to LSA R.S. 42:6.1(4), Ms. Murray moved to enter Executive Session at 9:57 a.m. for credential file reviews, complaints, lapsed renewals submitted and any other items to be reviewed in executive session.

Ms. Murray closed Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.

Ms. Murray began the Open Meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve the June minutes. None opposed and the motion passed.

The following was reported regarding the credential file reviews:

Licensure Applicant 7.23/A, 7.23/C, 7.23/D, 7.23/E, 7.23/F, 7.23/G, 7.23/H, 7.23/J, 7.23/K, 7.23/L, 7.23/M and 7.23/O were reviewed and approved for licensure.

Licensure Applicant 7.23/B, 7.23/I, 7.23/K, 7.23/N and 7.23/P were reviewed and approved for licensure upon receipt of final required documents by mail.

Certificant Applicants 7.23/Q and 7.23/S were reviewed and approved for certification.

Certificant Applicant 7.23/R was reviewed and approved for certification upon receipt of final required documents by mail.

The board reviewed and voted on the following items:

The board requested a certified letter be sent to a professional who is failing to respond to board requests. The board reviewed the letter. Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve and mail the letter certified mail, return receipt requested. None opposed and the motion passed.

A rap back was received on a RLT and administratively revoked by the Executive Director upon receipt to the nature of the charge (s) until the board could review. The board reviewed. A motion was made by Dr. Mandal-Blasio that the revocation be confirmed. None opposed and the motion passed.

The board reviewed a request for review and reversal of a revocation due to falsifying the application. The board reviewed and Ms. Murray made a motion to deny the request and the revocation stand. None opposed and the motion passed.

An LBA self-reported failure to renew a RLT. Documents and fees were provided in accordance with the policy for late renewals. The board reviewed and Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve the late RLT renewal. None opposed and the motion passed.

The board reviewed an applicant for revocation due to an immigration issue found through the background check. The board reviewed and Ms. Riofrio made a motion to revoke for falsifying application. None opposed and the motion passed.

The board reviewed a report received with a discontinuation to determine if the individual would require board review if they reapplied. The board reviewed and Ms. Murray made a motion to not require board review if the individual reapplies. None opposed and the motion passed.

The status of other applicants reviewed at the July meeting are listed below in the Credential File Reviews.

Complaints Committee:

Ms. Boe requested the complaints committee report be tabled until the next meeting due to the fact that the board would not have a quorum in the afternoon. Ms. Murray made a motion to table the complaints committee report until next month. None opposed and the motion passed.

The board was informed of a verbal complaint received alleging physical and verbal threats towards clients and RLTs. An official Complaint and/or Request for Investigation form was not received. Ms. Boe said the individuals indicated they were fearful for their safety if they filed an official request. She further explained the complaint cannot be investigated to determine if the allegations have merit without first sending a notice letter to the respondent. After discussing, the board agreed a board initiated complaint should be opened so a notice letter could be sent and an investigation started.

Ms. Murray requested a call to question vote which resulted as follows:

Mr. Tuminello – yay, Ms. Riofrio – yay, Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay and Ms. Murray – yay. A board initiated complaint will be opened.

Finance Committee:

Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve the LSBEP invoice for June if no apparent discrepancies noted. None opposed and the motion passed.

Ms. Boe informed the board Gordon Dallon Bush, II of The Bush Law Firm in Gonzales has agreed to serve as General Counsel to the board. The board reviewed his Curriculum Vitae. Ms. Riofrio made a motion to award the contract for General Counsel to Attorney Bush. None opposed and the motion passed.

Due to the fact that the board would not have a quorum in the afternoon, Ms. Boe requested review of the June financials be tabled to the August meeting. Mr. Tuminello made a motion to table financials review until the August meeting. None opposed and the motion passed.

Jurisprudence Committee:

No new business.

Legislative Oversight Committee:

No new business.

Policies and Procedures Committee:

No new business.

Continuing Education Committee:

No new business.

Supervision Oversight Committee:

Discussion of Supervision audits tabled until next meeting.

Long Range Planning:

No new business.

Discussion Items:

Ms. Boe asked the board if their Gulf Coast ABA Conference presentation could include licensee responsibilities and perhaps the most frequently reported complaints, best practice guides, etc. The board thought this would be a good addition to the presentation. Dr. Mandal-Blasio reached out to LaBAA to ask if the board presentation time could be extended and offered as a CE Ethic. The board will discuss again at the August meeting.

The board received copies of the BACB email regarding parents providing services as RBTs for their own children and the Nebraska and Illinois practice restrictions.

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Boe reported the following statistics for the month of June:

310 Line Technicians Registered

9 Behavior Analysts Licensed

4 State Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts Certified

Ms. Murray adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

CREDENTIAL FILE REVIEWS:

After review of the reports, explanations, and documents, the following occurred:

- 7.23/1 Mr. Tuminello made a motion to request additional information, and table the file until the next meeting. None opposed.
- 7.23/2 Dr. Mandal Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/3 Dr. Mandal Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/4 Dr. Mandal Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/5 Dr. Mandal Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/6 Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/7 Dr. Mandal Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.

- 7.23/8 Dr. Mandal Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/9 Ms. Murray made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/10 Ms. Murray made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/11 Ms. Murray made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/12 Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/13 Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/14 Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/15 Ms. Murray made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/16 Ms. Murray made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/17 Ms. Murray made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/18 Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/19 Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/20 Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/21 Mr. Tuminello made a motion to approve, but will require to update on board when case is resolved. None opposed.
- 7.23/22 Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/23 Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 7.23/24 Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed.

The following applications are to provide monthly updates for review.

- 10.21/7 Update received.
- 9.22/35 Update received.
- 4.22/8 Update received.
- 5.22/21 Update received.
- 6.22/10 Update received.

10.22/2	Update received.
10.22/7	Update received.
11.22/23	Update received.
11.22/25	Update received.
2.23/1	Update received.
2.23/5	Update received.
3.23/8	Update received.
4.23/3	Ms. Murray made a motion if no update is received in 10 days, registration will be revoked. None opposed.
4.23/4	Update received.
6.23/4	RLT Registration discontinued. Ms. Riofrio made a motion to require monthly updates if registered again.
6.23/7	Update received.
6.23/14	Update received.
6.23/16	Dr. Mandal Blasio made a motion if no update is received in 10 days, registration will be revoked. None opposed.