

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite #C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Friday, July 21, 2023

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9:00 a.m. OPEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER – *NOTE: This meeting will run progressively through all Agenda Items with a scheduled break from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. and coffee breaks as needed.*
2. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE
3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. Welcome New Board Member Shawanda Woods-Smith, Ph.D. (Term 7/14/2023 – 6/30/2028)
5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 - a. Call for Nominations/Self-nominations for Chairperson/ViceChairperson
 - b. Declaration for closing nominations and vote.
6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
 - a. New Chair’s Privilege
 - b. Affirm Committee Delegations in Policy
7. DISCUSS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
 - a. New Board Chair Privilege
8. Consent Agenda
 - a. Review and consideration of item removal.
 - b. Items of consideration for affirmation, ratification, adoption, approval and conferral:

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes (Approval):

April 21, 2023 Minutes

b. Financial Statements Received (Affirm and Ratify):

April 2023 and May 2023 General Ledger, Balance Sheet, Budget vs. Actual, Profit & Loss

c. Temporary Registrations approved (Affirm and Ratify):

Name	State	of	Reviewer	Date/Result
Kristen Gerstenecker, Psy.D.	Alabama		J. Monic	5/2/2023-Approved
LaFaye Marshall, Psy.D.	Maryland		J. Monic	5/15/2023- Approved
Amy Draton, Ph.D.	Nebraska		J. Monic	6/6/2023- Approved

d. Supervised Practice Plans approved (Affirm and Ratify):

Applicant	Supervisor	Reviewer	Date/Result
Sam Allouche, Ph.D.	Michael Major	M. Moore	5/24/2023- Approved

e. Applicants approved for Candidacy Status and issued Provisional Licensure (eligible for EPPP) (Affirm and Ratify):

Candidate	Supervisor	Reviewer	Date Approved
Maria Vazquez, Ph.D.	Janaki Flint	M. Moore	7/11/2023

f. Applicants approved for Candidacy Status (eligible for EPPP) (Affirm and Ratify):

Candidate	Reviewer	Date Approved
Kizzy Dixon, Ph.D.	J. Monic	5/12/2023 - Admitted to EPPP
Donice Banks, Ph.D.	J. Monic	5/12/2023- Admitted to EPPP

g. Candidates approved for Oral Examination or Face to Face (Affirm and Ratify):

Candidate	Reviewer	Date Approved
Mallory Garza, Ph.D.	M. Moore	7/11/2023 Invite to Oral Exam
Michael Garza, Ph.D.	M. Moore	7/11/2023 Invite to Oral Exam
Kiran Mirchandani, Psy.D.	M. Moore	7/11/2023 Invite to Oral Exam
Ryan Hill, Ph.D.	M. Moore	7/11/2023 Invite to Oral Exam
Cindy Stear, Psy.D.	M. Moore	7/11/2023 Invite to Face to Face

h. Licensure recommendations of applicants and candidates who have completed all licensing requirements, including passing LSBEP's Jurisprudence and Oral Examinations (Board Conferral):

Name	Declared Specialty	Date of Examination	Examining Members
Kimberly C. Kent, Ph.D.	Not Registered	06/16/2023	T. Shavaun Sam, Jesse Lambert
Samuel Behrman, Ph.D,	NotRegistered	06/16/2023	Michelle Moore, T. Shavaun Sam

i. Licensure recommendations of applicants and candidates who have completed all licensing requirements, including passing LSBEP's Jurisprudence and Face to Face Interview (Board Conferral):

Name	Declared	Date of Examination	Examining Members
None to report			

j. Licensure recommendations from the LSSP Committee of applicants for Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) who have completed all licensing requirements (Board Conferral):

Name	Date of LSSP Committee Review	Committee Reviewers
Ashlyn Lege	6/7/2023	K. Chenier, G. Hebert, K. Pursell

k. Applications Withdrawn

Name	Date Received	Date Withdrawn	Reason
Jessica L. Semmann	5/22/2023	7/17/2023	Applicant Requested/Not pursuing

l. Applications for Registration of an Assistant to a Psychologist:

ATAP Name	Supervisor(s)	Date of Review	Reviewers
Rhonda Hendris	Maria Kattan (Primary)	6/16/2023	Dr. Moore and Dr. Sam
Taylor T. Allen	Brenna F. Sapotichne	6/16/2023	Dr. Sam and Dr. Moore
Jaret Gary	David Landry	6/30/2023	J. Monic
Zachary T. Boudreaux	Alex C. Birdsill	6/30/2023	J. Monic

m. License Respecialization:

Name	Current Specialization	Added Specialization	Date of Examination	Examining Members
None to report				

n. License Reinstatements (Board Conferral):

Name	Reviewer	Date
Gilbert Martinez, Ph.D.	S. Harness	6/26/2023 - Approved

o. Continuing Professional Development Reviews (Affirm and Ratify):

Name	Review Type	Reviewer	Date Approved
None to report			

p. Shared News releases/general information/previously approved business (Affirm):

1. May 1, 2023 Notice from APA Office of Program Consultation and accreditation RE the proposed removal of the timeline and maximum amount of Telesupervision a student/intern/resident may receive.
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- c. Call for objections/approval of Consent Agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. COMPLAINTS [LSA-R.S.42.17.A(4)]:

- a. P22-23-07C
- b. Informal Resolution: In the Matter of Carole Brunner, Psy.D., License No. 981, Complaint Number P22-23-12P
- c. Voluntary Relinquishment of Temporary Registration: In the Matter of Kristen Gerscheneger, Complaint Number P22-23-17C
- d. C23-24-01NP - Recommendation for Closure

2. PRE-APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS [LSA-R.S. 42.17.A(1)]:

- a. 1st Application received 12/23/2023 – Status Update
- b. 2nd Application received 7/6/2023 – Determination Review

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

The Board will receive reports from the following:

- 1. **Executive Committee Report**

- a. Operations Updates
- b. 2023 Renewal Update
- 2. **Finance Committee**
 - a. Leave Report
 - b. Financial Statements
 - c. Financial Report
- 3. **Continuing Professional Development Committee**
- 4. **Oral Examination Committee**
- 5. **Legislative Oversight Committee**
- 6. **Supervision/Credentials Committee**
 - a. Report from Dr. Michelle Moore regarding APA Commission on Accreditation's (CoA) proposed changes to telesupervision requirements.
 - b. Dr. Shavaun Sam report on Supervision and Credentials Meeting on June 16, 2023
 - i. Development of Guidelines/Matrix for the review and approval of ATAP's
 - ii. Forms Update: Application for Registration [ATAP]; Discontinuation Form [ATAP]; Application for Reallocation of Supervision of ATAP.
- 7. **Complaints Committee**
 - a. Complaint Committee Report
 - i. Settlement of State of Louisiana Through the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, of the Louisiana Department of Health vs. Dr. Jeremy Blunt, Psy.D., Stitches For Life, Inc., Docket: C-73317827, 19th JDC
- 8. **Jurisprudence Examination Committee**
- 9. **Public and Professional Outreach Committee**
- 10. **Liaison to Professional Organizations**
- 11. **Long Range Planning Committee**

NOON – 1:00 p.m. **Working Lunch**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. POLICY DISCUSSION:
 - a. Review and discuss potential for early admission by the Board to sit for Oral Examination of Candidates or Provisional Licensees.
 - b. Review and discuss issues with Provisional Licensure and candidates not following through with provisional license renewal.
 - c. Election Policy Review
 - d. Delineation & clarification of roles - board officers & committee chairs vs. board employees' authority, duties & responsibilities.
 - e. Attorney: IN-HOUSE Executive Counsel (Prosecuting Attorney) – Consideration of adding policy to allow reimbursement/reimbursement limits on licensing fees and/or continuing legal education.
 - f. Referrals to the District Attorney pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2360
 - g. Motion by Dr. Sam that LSBEP adopt a policy regarding length of time between various meetings and the receipt of an initial draft of completed minutes by LSBEP staff to ensure that timely recording is given to reduce the disruption of progress and increase follow-up of tasks and assignment.
- 2. RULES REVIEW:
 - a. Chapter 8, Continuing Professional Development:
 - i. Related to Section 806 award of credit for academic hours (20 hours) vs. limitation (10 hours).
 - ii. Applications for Licensee CPD Preapproval/Sponsor Activity Approval related to intent, use and definition of preapproval of pre-recorded activities.

- b. §3202.B. Composition of the LSSP Advisory Committee – Issues with filling 2nd doctoral level psychologist with a school psychology specialty; request from the LSSP Committee to consider allowing 2 LSSP’s and 1 doctoral level psychologist with a school specialty.
 - c. Requirements for Reinstating a license to Emerit Status (fees, CPD, other considerations).
 - d. Review Rules related to Criminal Background Checks, potential revisions needed based on new procedures.
 - e. §105. Definition of Candidate for Licensure: Consideration of exemption or revision to number of attempts a candidate is allowed to take the EPPP without passing.
- 3. OPINIONS REVIEW:
 - a. Potential Revision to Opinion No. 002: Clinical/Counseling Experience, for clarification and based on revision to the LAC:46:LXIII. §305. Specialty Areas
- 4. CONTRACTS:
 - a. Discuss formal engagements with former board members to conduct oral examinations.
 - b. Covalent Logic Contract – Change Request to Contract Payment Terms
 - c. Jennifer Longwell, Ph.D., LBA, BCBA – Change Request to Extend the end date of the current contract.
 - d. Complaint Coordinator II
 - i. Dr. Mark Vigen Resignation
 - ii. Jennifer L. Russell, Ph.D. Resumé for Complaint Coordinator
 - iii. Jesse D. Lambert, Psy.D. Status on Interview
- 5. 2023 Regular Legislative Session
 - a. Bills Impacting Practice/Regulation
 - b. Bills Impacting Agency
- 6. LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATIONS
 - a. Removing the requirement for oral examination to allow for other assessment of skill (e.g. EPPP (Part 2)).
 - b. 2022 Performance Audit – Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s recommendations:
 - i. Criminal Background Checks for License Renewal/reinstatement – to require all currently licensed psychologists to have a criminal background check with the board.
 - ii. Impose Civil Monetary Penalties and Fines
 - c. PSYPACT – Psychology Compact
 - d. Masters Level Licensure (TSam):
 - i. [APA Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology Major \(Aug 2013\)](#)
 - ii. [APA Standards of Accreditation for Health Service Psychology: Master’s Programs \(Feb 2021\)](#)
 - iii. [APA Principles for Quality Undergraduate Education in Psychology \(Feb 2023\)](#)
 - iv. [APA Master’s Work Group and the CoA webpage](#)

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