

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2011

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday, July 22, 2011, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Tony Young, Rita Culross, John Courtney and Lee Matthews; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker; and Training Consultant, Jaime Monic. Dr. Marc Zimmermann was in partial attendance.

Dr. Matthews moved to take the Agenda out of order and discuss the Complaints/Legal Matters after the Summary Suspension Hearing. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, Young-yea, Culross-yea, Courtney-yea and Matthews-yea.

Dr. Culross moved that the minutes of June 10, 2011 be accepted. The motion passed.

Nominations for officers in the 2011-2012FY were opened. Dr. Courtney nominated by motion Dr. Young for Board Chair and Dr. Matthews for Vice-Chair. No other nominations being made, Dr. Young was elected Chair and Dr. Matthews Vice Chair for the 2011-12FY by unanimous roll call vote.

Dr. Young elected to replace Dr. Comaty as Complaints Committee Chair, and add Dr. Matthews as Vice Chair of the Complaints Committee. Dr. Young elected to keep the other committee appointments under consideration.

A discussion was held about the pending afternoon suspension hearing. Dr. Courtney moved to request independent counsel for the suspension hearing and for the Board to pay all costs, Dr. Culross seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Young moved to close Executive Session at 12:10 p.m. to enter the following:

James C. Smith, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant Dr. Smith a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology effective August 1, 2011. The motion unanimously passed.

Phillip T. Stepka, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Matthews moved that the Board grant Dr. Stepka a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed. .

Marianne H. Walsh, Psy.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant Dr. Walsh a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Counseling effective August 1, 2011. The motion unanimously passed.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

The Supervision/Credentials Committee conducted file reviews and made recommendations as follows:

Dr. Matthews, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Terry Oliver Thomas, Ph.D.** recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Thomas and invite him to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

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

Dr. Zimmerman, upon review of the request for Emeritus Status of **Gerald K. Baker, Ph.D.** recommended that Dr. Baker be granted Emeritus Status. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Culross upon review of the request for Emeritus Status of **Ronald F. Boudreaux, Ph.D.**, recommended that Dr. Boudreaux be granted Emeritus Status. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young, upon review of the request for Emeritus Status of **Armond Devezin, Ph.D.** recommended that Dr. Devezin be granted Emeritus Status. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney reviewed and recommended the Board accept the supervised practice plan of **Megan E. Alsop, Psy.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney recommended that the Board accept the request of Dr. Julie Alvarez to re-open her application file due to errors with her mailing address. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Culross reviewed the special request of Carmen Kaimann, Ph.D. to proceed with her reciprocity application even though she has never taken an oral exam. Dr. Culross suggested that the Board allow Dr. Kaimann to proceed on the condition that she takes both the oral and jurisprudence examinations. The Board unanimously approved the request of Dr. Kaimann.

Pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1(4), Dr. Young moved to enter Executive Session to conduct a Summary Suspension Hearing. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows Young – yea, Courtney – yea, Matthews – yea, Culross – yea, Zimmermann – yea.

Dr. Young moved to close Executive Session at 2:20 p.m. to enter the following:

Summary Suspension Hearing – The summary suspension was vacated and the hearing was canceled. The licensee and Board agreed to enter into a Impaired Psychologist Procedure Agreement.

Complaint Review/Legal Matters

LSBEP v. VS: This matter was tabled until the next meeting

Complaints Coordinator Issue: This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: The Board reviewed and accepted the May 2011 Financial Statement prepared by Ouida Nugent, Accountant.

Oral Examination Committee: Dr. Courtney suggested adding the DSM-V and updates to the oral examinations to the Long Range Planning Meeting.

Legislative Coordinator: The Board discussed SB268 and possible future issues associated with the bill. The Board reviewed the letters to the Attorney General regarding LPC Rulemaking and LPC Child Custody Guidelines. Dr. Courtney moved to request an AG opinion on the issues and Dr. Matthews seconded the motion. The Board reviewed the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education letter pertaining to Behavioral Health Analysts and agreed not to request an AG opinion.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Training Consultant Jamie Monic thanked the Board for her nomination for the ASPPB Ming Fisher Award.

Continuing Education: Dr. Young reported that due to the Board meeting he was missing the ASPPB meeting with various boards on the issue of continuing education. Dr. Young noted that he would still be receiving materials from the meeting. Dr. Young also noted that a re-examination process and/or review might be forthcoming. Dr. Culross suggested that the Board consider changing its continuing education reporting procedures to require licensees to submit copies of the certificates with the reports. Dr. Courtney moved to issue an Opinion on continuing education reporting procedures. Executive Director Kelly Parker reported that the continuing education survey closes on July 22, 2011 and to date, there have been 114 participants. Ms. Parker informed the Board that the results would be available at the next meeting.

Sunset Review Committee: Dr. Matthews suggested that the Board obtain the assistance of the Board's attorneys for review and changes regarding Sunset 2012. Dr. Matthews suggested the Board look at Opinions that have never been implemented as rules and possibly do so at this time. Dr. Courtney suggested working with LPA in conjunction with Sunset 2012. Dr. Young agreed to write a letter to LPA president, Dr. Phillip Griffin.

Discussion Items

Texas Reciprocity: *This item was tabled for later discussion*

Tulane University: *This item was tabled for later discussion.*

Psychology Times: *The Board reviewed the credentials submitted by Julie Nelson.*

Executive Director Report: Kelly Parker reported that the 2011 Renewal Season would be closing on July 31, 2011. As of the date of the Board meeting, 565 psychologists had renewed. Ms. Parker also informed the Board that the survey link would be closed on July 22, 2011 and approximately 114 licensees had participated.

Board Meeting Dates: The Board established the following meeting dates: August 26th, September 16th, October 28th, November 18th, and December 9th. The Board also agreed to have the Awards Ceremony in the evening of October 28th.

4:00 p.m. Dr. Courtney moved to adjourn for the day. The motion unanimously passed.