

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2011

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:40 a.m., Friday, March 18, 2011, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Joseph Comaty, John Courtney, Tony Young, Rita Culross, and Lee Matthews; and, Executive Director, Jaime Monic.

Dr. Courtney moved to accept the minutes of February 24, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Young moved to close Executive Session to enter the following:

KCR vs. RS (NP): The Board assigned this matter against a non-psychologist for investigation. Dr. Comaty assigned Dr. Courtney to lead the investigation.

RN vs. LRX (NP): The Board requested additional information and tabled its consideration of this matter until such time that information is obtained.

NP08-09-07P – After consideration by the Board, Dr. Comaty moved in favor of closing this matter without further action. The Board unanimously accepted this motion by roll call vote as follows: Comaty – yea, Young – yea, Courtney – yea, Culross – yea and Matthews - yea

P08-09-05B – Ms. Monic presented this matter. The Board accepted the respondent's withdrawal of license due to health considerations. Dr. Young moved in favor of closing the matter without further action. The Board unanimously accepted this motion by roll call vote as follows: Comaty – yea, Young – yea, Courtney – yea, Culross – yea and Matthews - yea

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

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

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Harvey Earl Jacobs, Ph.D.**, recommended that Dr. Jacobs be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective March 18, 2011. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the request for Emeritus Status of **Dr. Don H. Fontenelle**, recommended that Dr. Fontenelle be granted Emeritus Status. The recommendation was approved by majority roll call vote as follows: Comaty – yea, Courtney – abstain, Matthews – yea, Young – abstain, Culross – yea

Dr. Courtney, upon review of **Dr. Corwin Boake's** Application for Respecialization in Clinical Neuropsychology, recommended that Dr. Boake be granted the additional specialty designation in Clinical Neuropsychology. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Monic reported that the Board was in good financial condition.

Oral Examination Committee: Dr. Comaty expressed the importance of documenting accurately the candidate ratings and noting any concerns on the rating sheets.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Dr. Matthews reported that the American Board of Assessment Psychology (ABAP) had been approved by the American Psychological Association to be included with the ABPP in the APA membership directory.

Continuing Education: Dr. Young provided an update on drafting rules and procedures for revising the requirements for continuing education.

Long Range Planning Committee: Dr. Comaty reported that the Awards Ceremony will continue as scheduled for 7pm this date. The Board confirmed the next meeting dates: Tentative for April, the 14th, 15th and 29th were discussed as potential emergency meeting dates; The next scheduled regular meeting dates are May 13th, June 10th and July 22nd

Ad hoc Committee: Behavioral Health Working Group Representatives: Dr. Comaty reported that there was a rumor circulating that Senator Mount had drafted legislation. That information had not been made available to the Board and nothing has been pre-filed to date that the Board could access.

There was no report from the following committees: Executive Director Report; Oral Examination; Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards; Legislative Coordinator; Complaints Committee; Supervision and Credentials Review Committee; Ad hoc Committee Sunset Review.

Sumer N. Ledet, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Matthews and Culross for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Comaty moved that the Board grant Dr. Ledet a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed by the majority of members present, Comaty – yea, Matthews – yea, and Culross – yea.

Lisa L. Arceneaux, Ph.D. – appeared before Board members Young and Courtney for an oral examination for licensure. The results were presented to the Board. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant Dr. Arceneaux a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Ernest C. Ellender, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Courtney, Young, Culross and Matthews to continue his oral examination for licensure. Dr. Comaty moved that the Board grant Dr. Ellender a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Danielle A. Weiss, PhD. Appeared before Board members Comaty, Courtney, Young, Culross and Matthews for a respecialization oral examination. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant Dr. Weiss the additional specialty designation in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Discussion Items

LPC Rulemaking 2011 – The Board reviewed the letter to the LPC Board concerning their Notice of Intent published in the February 20, 2011 edition of the Louisiana Register regarding LMFT's coursework defining their scope of practice to include the diagnosis and treatment of severe mental, intellectual, emotional or behavioral disorders. The Board confirmed its position in opposition to this language.

Executive Director Position – The Board reviewed the resume(s) received and discussed the hiring process.

Training Consultant (Intermittent Position) – The Board reviewed its option to create a new unclassified position for a training consultant to train a new executive director. The Board approved the position duties to include participation in all scheduled board and work related meetings for at least the first three months of

training; provide on-the-job training to Executive Director (ED) to perform all work related duties and agency functions; assist in transferring all accounts and agency authority to new ED; assist in setting up human resource related benefits for incumbent ED as approved by the Board; consult and train ED in ongoing, new intermittent, or seasonal projects as needed; other work as may be requested by the Board. The Board offered the position to Ms. Monic at an hourly rate of \$25/hour. Ms. Monic accepted the position.

Behavior Analysts - The Board reviewed statutory requirements, from other jurisdictions, for the practice of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts.

Kelly Parker – The Board interviewed Ms. Kelly Parker for the position of Executive Director. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved a motion by Dr. Courtney to offer Ms. Parker the position starting at a probationary salary of \$47K with health and retirement benefits. A salary increase will be discussed at the end of the probationary period.

Dr. John Bolter – The Board met with Dr. John Bolter to discuss his concerns with Opinion #012 pertaining to supervision of psychology students/interns/post-docs toward licensure. After considering all other options, The Board agreed, by motion of Dr. Young, to a reduced reinstatement fee of \$50 for the remainder of this fiscal year, for a retroactive reinstatement of a psychology license for those individuals who have transferred and maintained licensure under the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. All reinstatements will be subject to a full annual renewal fee.

5:30 Dr. Comaty moved to adjourn for the day. The motion unanimously passed.