

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: *April 24, 2015*
APPROVED: May 29, 2015

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order by Dr. Culross, Board Chair, at 8:15 a.m., Friday, April 24, 2015, at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett, Phil Griffin, Joseph Comaty; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Ms. Cindy Bishop and Dr. Kim VanGeffen, both representing LPA, were present during the public hour.

Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the April 24, 2015 agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4), Dr. Culross moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, review legal issues, conduct oral examinations and discuss complaints. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Comaty-yay and Griffin-yay.

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

Personnel Matter[LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]: The Board discussed the vacant administrative assistant position. The Board also discussed the upcoming Executive Director vacancy. Ms. Bellaci and Ms. Brocato, representatives of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board were in partial attendance during the personnel discussion.

Complaint Review/Legal Matters [LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]:

- a. IPP2014-01 update: Dr. Comaty provided a brief update regarding meetings held related to IPP2014-01.
- b. NP14-15-2B: Ms. Parker presented the Board with correspondence from the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners. The Board acknowledged the communication.
- c. NP14-15-3B: The Board reviewed and discussed recent correspondence relating to NP14-15-3B. Dr. Comaty moved to draft a follow up response. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Zimmermann moved to forward the information to Board Counsel for further legal review. The motion passed.
- d. NP14-15-5B: The Board reviewed the response and documentation received to the cease and desist letter. After careful discussion, Dr. Culross moved to close the matter.
- e. NP14-15-4B: The Board reviewed the response received to the cease and desist letter. The Board reviewed the information and discussed the matter carefully. The Board also considered

supplemental information supplied by the complainant. Dr. Zimmermann moved to draft follow up correspondence to the individual noting that she was still noncompliant with the Psychology Practice Act and provide copies of the allegedly plagiarized/copied psychology reports. The motion passed unanimously. Further, the Board directed Ms. Parker to notify the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners and Louisiana Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority regarding the outstanding information along with supplying copies of the plagiarized/copied reports. The Board discussed contacting the Attorney General's Office, Medicaid Program Integrity Office and possibly reporting the issue to the Federal Trade Commission as well.

- f. LSBEP v. DO(NEW NP): Ms. Parker presented the Board with information submitted regarding a non-psychologist advertising as a "Psychological Health Coordinator". The Board considered the information carefully. Dr. Zimmermann moved to issue a cease and desist letter to the individual, along with the company who contracts with the individual. The motion passed unanimously.

Oral Examinations[LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]:

Holland Miller, Ph.D., appeared before the Board for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed Dr. Miller's oral examination and moved that Dr. Miller be granted a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Wadler, Ph.D., appeared before the Board for an oral examination. The Board discussed Dr. Wadler's oral examination and moved that Dr. Wadler be granted a license to practice general psychology. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

Dr. Griffin reviewed the applications for licensure files of: Alexander Cava, Psy.D., Candi Hill, Ph.D., Lea Laffoon, Ph.D., ABPP, and Michael Lobrano, Ph.D. Dr. Griffin moved to invite the candidates to take the examinations for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty reviewed the application for licensure file of: Dawn Sharpless, Ph.D. Dr. Comaty moved to invite the candidate to take the examination for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty reviewed the reinstatement application of Lyle Cadenhead, Ph.D. Dr. Comaty moved to reinstate the license of Dr. Cadenhead effective April 24, 2015. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed Dr. Jennifer Fairchild's application for the additional specialty of Clinical Neuropsych. Dr. Burnett moved to approve Dr. Fairchild's application and allow her to take an oral examination for the additional specialty. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the Emeritus status requests of Dr. Barbara Fleischer and Dr. Rita Culross. After careful consideration, Dr. Zimmermann moved to approve both of the requests. The motion passed.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the Emeritus request of Katherine Krefft, Ph.D. The Board discussed the requirements for Emeritus status and Dr. Krefft's file. After a thorough discussion, Dr. Zimmermann moved to deny Dr. Krefft's request for Emeritus status because she has not held continuous licensure in Louisiana for at least 20 years. Dr. Zimmermann noted Dr. Krefft's license lapsed and she recently reinstated. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Comaty-yay and Griffin-yay.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the application for temporary registration of Harvey E. Jacobs, Ph.D. The Board discussed the file. Dr. Zimmermann moved to approve the temporary registration of Dr. Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty reviewed the appeal from Dr. Rafael Otero, Ph.D. regarding his application for Louisiana licensure. The Board discussed Dr. Otero's letter and file. Dr. Comaty moved that the denial remain in place and Dr. Otero be eligible to reapply in April 2017. The Board considered the motion carefully. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Comaty-yay, Culross-yay, Griffin-yay, Burnett-yay and Zimmermann-yay.

The Board reviewed the application files of Ira Adams, Ph.D. and Kimberly Sherman, Ph.D. It was noted that both files failed to meet the licensure requirements in the time frame required by law. Dr. Comaty moved to deny both Dr. Adams and Dr. Sherman due to failing to meet licensure requirements. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed the special request regarding continuing education submitted by Dr. Fred Davis. The Board discussed the request. Dr. Burnett moved to grant Dr. Davis an extension of time to complete his continuing education requirements, until December 31, 2015. Dr. Burnett clarified that Dr. Davis could only use the credits for one reporting period. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay, and Comaty-yay.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Parker presented the Board with proposals from Teknarus to upgrade the website and database. After careful review, Dr. Comaty moved to accept both proposals and contract with Teknarus for website and database services. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culross-yay, Comaty-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Zimmermann-yay. Ms. Parker noted that she would not continue the contract with Sparkhound for the 2015-2016FY.

Oral Examination Committee: No new report.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: No new report.

Legislative Oversight Committee: Dr. Burnett summarized the status of SB113 of the 2015 Legislative Session. Dr. Burnett noted that LPA agreed to the language of SB113 at the Fall 2014 Long Range Planning Meeting, but since then has changed their position. She mentioned that LPA was in opposition to the language regarding the reporting of election results to the Governor's Office. The Board also reviewed and discussed: HB169, SB87, HB381, HCR56, and HB385.

The Board reviewed and acknowledged public comments received for the following:

Notice of Intent – Provisional Licensure Rules – 1 Comment received: Julie Nelson, Ph.D.;

Notice of Intent – LSSP Rules – 2 Comments received: Jason Talbot, SSP; K. Chris Rachal, Ph.D., MP.;

Notice of Intent – Emeritus Rule – 3 Comments received: Merikay Ringer, Ph.D.; Earl Capron, Ph.D.; William Waters, Ph.D.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Ms. Parker reported that the PLUS application system was ready for the pilot phase to begin on May 11, 2015. She noted that the PLUS system will be in pilot phase for 3 months or the first 50 applications, whichever comes first. Dr. Comaty and Ms. Parker reported to the Board regarding the ASPPB Midyear meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Parker reminded the Board about the upcoming Federal Association of Regulatory Training on May 20, 2015 in Baton Rouge, LA. The Board approved Ms. Parker, Dr. Comaty, Dr. Burnett and Dr. Zimmermann attendance at the FARB meeting.

Continuing Education: The Board reviewed technical updates and clean up language to Chapter 8 Continuing Professional Development rules. Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the revised rules and promulgate the notice. The motion passed unanimously.

Complaints Committee: No new report.

Long Range Planning Meeting: No new report.

LBAB Liaison Report: Dr. Zimmermann noted that LBAB representatives met with the

LSBEP to discuss personnel issues.

Professional Workgroup: The Board discussed the professionalism survey results. The results revealed that almost everyone participating in the survey reported they experienced unprofessional conduct from other psychologists, and the opinions were split on whether to promulgate additional rules. Dr. Zimmermann noted that the next meeting is May 15, 2015.

LSBEP Education & Outreach: Dr. Comaty presented a draft PowerPoint presentation for public outreach and education on the new Continuing Professional Development rules. The Board discussed the presentation. Dr. Burnett moved to approve the presentation. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

1. **Letter from Puerto Rico Psychology Board:** The Board reviewed and discussed correspondence from the Puerto Rico Psychology Board regarding the Spanish EPPP. The Board opined that as long as the Spanish EPPP was equivalent to the English EPPP than they would accept it. Ms. Parker noted that she would confirm it through ASPPB.
2. **Emergency Plan - update:** Ms. Parker presented the Board with the current Emergency Plan and recommended updates. The Board authorized Ms. Parker to revise the plan and submit it for Board approval.

Public Comments: Dr. Culross opened the floor to public comments at 2:35 p.m. Ms. Cindy Bishop, Executive Director of LPA, indicated that she wished to address the Board. Ms. Bishop introduced herself to the Board and stated she was authorized by the LPA EC to meet with the Board. Ms. Bishop addressed the Board regarding LPA's concerns with SB113. The Board briefly discussed the concerns with Ms. Bishop. Dr. Culross acknowledged Ms. Bishop's comments and noted the Board would take them under consideration.

Dr. Culross moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.