

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: *June 15, 2015*  
*APPROVED: June 26, 2015*

A special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on Friday, June 12, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Culross, Board Chair, at 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2015, at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Ms. Parker confirmed a quorum of the Board members were in attendance to proceed with the meeting.

**Discussion Items:**

1. Unexpected vacancy: The Board members discussed the unexpected vacancy. The seat was previously held by Joseph Comaty, Ph.D. until June 11, 2015. The Board members discussed promulgating an emergency rule to fill the vacant seat as soon as possible. The group reviewed other similar rules, including the LPC rule regarding board vacancies. Dr. Zimmermann moved that the Board issue an emergency rule, as to the following:

“The Governor shall fill, within 30 calendar days, for the remainder of the term, any vacancy occurring in board membership for an unexpired term from a list of qualified candidates provided in the most recent election.”

The motion was discussed. The motion passed unanimously: Culross-yay, Burnett-yay, and Zimmermann-yay. Dr. Zimmermann noted that the most recent election will have candidates that are willing to serve for the current period. The Board agreed to notify the Governor’s Office accordingly. The Board also discussed in the future, possibly adding language during the NOI process, regarding a special election if nominees decline to serve or if no remaining candidates exist. Ms. Parker agreed to prepare the emergency rule.

Dr. Culross moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.