

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: July 13, 2012
APPROVED: August 9, 2012

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday, July 13 2012, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Lee Matthews, John Courtney, Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann and Darla Burnett; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker.

Dr. Matthews, as Vice Chair, presided over the meeting. Dr. Matthews welcomed Dr. Burnett as the newly elected board member.

Nominations for officers in the 2012-2013FY were opened. Dr. Courtney nominated by motion Dr. Matthews for Board Chair and Dr. Culross nominated by motion Dr. Courtney for Vice-Chair. No other nominations being made, Dr. Matthews was elected Chair and Dr. Courtney, Vice Chair for the 2012-13FY by unanimous roll call vote.

Dr. Matthews elected to appoint members to established committees as follows:

Finance Committee: Full Board, Parker

Oral Examination Committee: Dr. Zimmermann, Chair and Dr. Culross Vice Chair

Jurisprudence examination Committee: Dr. Courtney, Chair and Dr. Matthews, Vice Chair

Legislative Coordinator [Oversight] Committee: Dr. Burnett, Chair and Dr. Courtney, Vice Chair

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Dr. Courtney, Chair and Dr. Burnett, Vice Chair

Continuing Education: Dr. Culross, Chair and Dr. Zimmermann, Vice Chair

Supervision/Credentials Review: Dr. Culross, Chair and Dr. Burnett, Vice Chair

Complaints Committee: Dr. Matthews, Chair and Dr. Courtney, Vice Chair

Long Range Planning: Dr. Matthews, Chair, and Dr. Burnett, Vice Chair

Dr. Culross moved to accept the July 13, 2012 agenda, Dr. Zimmermann seconded the motion. Dr. Courtney moved that the minutes of June 8, 2012 be accepted with minor corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to **LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4)**, Dr. Matthews moved to enter Executive Session to meet with the Board staff about office issues, review legal matters, conduct oral exams and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: Matthews –yea, Courtney – yea, Culross-yea, Zimmermann-yea and Burnett-yea.

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

Board Staff Meeting: Executive Director Kelly Parker and Administrative Assistant Jacqueline Lively addressed the Board about an issue that arose regarding the fee for obtaining a new licensee due to marriage and changing the database login ID. Dr. Courtney made a motion to have Dr. Culross respond to the concerns. The motion was accepted by roll call vote of the members present as follows: Matthews-yea, Courtney-yea, Culross-yea, Zimmermann-yea and Burnett-yea.

Complaint Review/Legal Matters:

- a. **SS v. AK:** Dr. Pettigrew presented the case summary and recommendation to the Board. After careful consideration, Dr. Courtney moved to accept the recommended dismissal. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Discipline Reporting Issue:** Ms. Parker informed the Board that a psychologist, who was disciplined by another regulatory authority, failed to acknowledge same on his electronic renewal but notified the Board the same day, in writing. Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the reporting, and issue a warning letter to the psychologist. The Board unanimously accepted the motion.

CPQ Candidate: Akiko Mikamo, Psy.D.

Akiko Mikamo, Psy.D., appeared before the full Board after successfully passing the Louisiana Jurisprudence examination. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant **Dr. Mikamo** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Counseling Psychology. The motion passed by a vote of the full board.

Meeting (LSA-R.S. 42:6.1)-Valerie Dominique, CPA

The Board met with Valerie Dominique, CPA. The Board approved the 2012-2013 contract for accounting services with Ms. Dominique.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

Dr. Matthews reviewed the application for licensure files and recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of: **Dana B. Labat, Ph.D., Michael Smith, Ph.D. and Alexandra L. Casalino, Psy.D.** The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the application for licensure file of Adam Guilmino, Ph.D. and recommended that the Board confirm his candidacy. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney reviewed and recommended the Board accept the Emeritus application of **Merikay M. Ringer, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Matthews reviewed and recommended the Board accept the Temporary Registrations of: **Natalie Novick Brown, Ph.D., Paul David Connor, Ph.D., and Carlos Camilo Gomez, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed and recommended the Board deny the Temporary Registration of **Harvey Earl Jacobs, Ph.D.** because his associating Louisiana psychologist is not licensed under Title 37, Chapter 28 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes as required in Title 46, Chapter 10 Temporary Licensure, Section 1001 Registration of Out-of-State Psychologist. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Matthews –yea, Courtney-yea, Culross-yea, Zimmermann-yea and Burnett-yea.

Dr. Culross reviewed and recommended the Board accept the supervised practice plans of: **Darrell B. Turner, Ph.D., Brooke Barbera, Ph.D., Veena Y. Poole, Ph.D., Brittany Hernandez, Ph.D., and Chavez M. Phelps, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Culross reviewed and recommended that the Board deny the supervised practice plan of **David N. Landry, Ph.D.** until further documentation is received illustrating an accurate count of postdoctoral hours. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Matthews reviewed and recommended the Board deny the application for licensure file of **Julie M. Hormes, Ph.D.** for not meeting licensure requirements. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: No report.

Oral Examination Committee: No report.

Legislative Coordinator:

The Board carefully reviewed and discussed Act 636. The Board also discussed changes to the Jurisprudence examination and fee changes to fees.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Ms. Parker informed the Board that ASPPB has requested a representative from Louisiana sit on the ASPPB Annual Meeting panel for regarding liaison to professional organizations. The Board agreed that Dr. Courtney should be the LA representative at the conference. The Board carefully reviewed the ASPPB Portability Grant. The Board discussed matters concerning the Louisiana Psychological Association. The Board agreed to notify the Louisiana Psychological Association of upcoming meeting dates and new committee assignments.

Continuing Education: The Board reviewed the ASPPB Guidelines for Continuing Professional Development. Ms. Parker informed the Board that the Fiscal Impact Statement for the changes to Chapter 8. Continuing Education had been approved and that the notice will be published in the August register.

Complaints Committee: The Board reviewed complaint policies with the Complaints Coordinator.

Long Range Planning Meeting: Dr. Matthews suggested meeting on August 9th and August 10, 2012. The purpose of the August 9th meeting will be for committee assignments and normally LRP issues. Dr. Matthews suggested having a 2-day meeting quarterly. The Board agreed and elected to meet on August 9th to discuss the jurisprudence examination, fee increases and any other additional LRP items.

Ad hoc Committee: Behavior Analysts: Ms. Parker provided the Board with a summary of the July 6, 2012 Behavior Analyst Commission meeting. The Board also reviewed handouts from the July 6th meeting.

Ad hoc Committee: Real Estate: Dr. Zimmermann made a motion to remove this committee from Ad Hoc status and make it a working group. The motion passed by roll call vote: Matthews-yay, Courtney-yay, Culross-yay, Burnett-yay, Zimmermann-yay. Dr. Zimmermann updated the Board about the prospective properties. The Board agreed to see all of the properties on Thursday, August 9th.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Board advice – conflict of interest:** The Board carefully reviewed and discussed a request received from Dr. George Schreiner regarding conflict of interest. The Board opined that Dr. Schreiner should always make decisions on a case-by-case basis in order to prevent a conflict of interest. It was also suggested that when making the decisions he should consult with a colleague about best practices. Specifically, in the scenario described, the Board did not see a conflict of interest issue.
- 2. LSBEP Opinion – Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse:** The Board approved the draft opinion regarding Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse, and designated it as LSBEP Opinion 14.
- 3. McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC contract:** The Board reviewed the invoice for McGlinchey Stafford from the 2012 Legislative Session and discussed the new fiscal year contract. The Board approved payment for services rendered and approved a contract amendment by roll call vote: Matthews-yea, Courtney-yea, Culross-yea, Zimmermann-yea and Burnett-yea.
- 4. The Psychology Times request-Act 251 emails:** Ms. Parker informed the Board that Dr. Nelson has requested all emails from 2008-2009, prior to the Governor's signature, regarding Act 251. The Board carefully discussed the request and directed Ms. Parker to consult with Lloyd Lunceford, Esquire.
- 5. 2012 Renewal Update:** Ms. Parker informed the Board that as of July 13, 2012, 553 psychologists had renewed, 495 were online renewals and 58 were paper renewals. Ms. Parker also updated the Board about changes to the database including a new function for a renewal disciplinary action report.

- 6. 2012 Board Meeting Dates:** The Board agreed on the following future meeting dates: August 9&10, 2012, September 7, 2012, October 12, 2012, November 9, 2012 and December 7, 2012. The Board also agreed that November 9th would also be the date of the Annual Awards Ceremony.
- 7. Statewide Email Setup & Instructions:** The Board reviewed and discussed the new email system and setup.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:15 p.m.