

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

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:35 a.m., Friday, October 28, 2011, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Tony Young, Lee Matthews, Rita Culross, John Courtney and Marc Zimmermann; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Dr. Clinton Pettigrew, Complaints Coordinator was in partial attendance.

Dr. Young moved to accept the November 18, 2011 agenda. The motion passed. Dr. Culross moved that the minutes of October 28, 2011 be accepted as corrected. The motion passed.

Dr. Young made a motion to take the agenda out of order to discuss the Board meeting dates. The motion passed by roll call vote, Young-yea, Matthews-yea, Courtney-yea, Culross-yea and Zimmerman-yea. The following dates were reserved for Board meetings: January 27<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Long Range Planning meeting was reserved for January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

Pursuant to **LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4)**, Dr. Young moved to enter Executive Session to 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, Culross-yea, Courtney-yea and Zimmerman-yea.

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

**Complaint Review/Legal Matters:**

- a. **P10-11-04C:** Dr. Pettigrew presented the case and recommendations to the Board. After careful consideration of the facts presented, the Board determined that the respondent needed to be educated about the seriousness of the issue presented. Dr. Courtney moved to meet with the respondent, the motion failed. The Board agreed that the investigator and complaints coordinator would investigate additional issues. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **P10-11-05C:** Dr. Pettigrew presented the case and recommendations to the Board. After careful consideration of the facts presented, the Board agreed that further investigation was warranted. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **NP-10-11-01C:** Dr. Pettigrew presented the case and recommendations to the Board. After careful consideration of the facts presented, the Board agreed that further investigation was warranted. The Board also determined that a separate action should be opened against the supervisor of the respondent. The motion passed unanimously.

**Oral Examinations:**

**Heather E. Sterling, Ph.D.** appeared before Board Members Culross and Dr. Courtney for an oral examination. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant **Dr. Sterling** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in School Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

**Carol E. Freeman, Ph.D.** appeared before Board Members Dr. Young, Dr. Matthews and Dr. Zimmerman for an oral examination. Dr. Matthews moved that the Board grant **Dr. Freeman** a

license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

**Steven D. Abney, Psy.D.** appeared before the Board for an oral examination. Dr. Courtney moved that the oral examination of Dr. Abney be continued a minimum of 1 year. The motion passed by majority roll call vote as follows: Young – yea, Matthews – yea, Zimmerman-yea, Culross – yea and Courtney – yea

**Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:**

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

Dr. Culross, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Katherine J. Aucoin, Ph.D.** recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Aucoin and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

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

Dr. Matthews, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Megan Alsop, Psy.D.** recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Alsop and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

A detailed file review was conducted on **Dian Evans, Ph.D.** application materials, and supplemental documentation provided to the Board. Dr. Young opined that based on further review of her file and of the supplemental materials that Dr. Evans did meet the requirements for licensure. Dr. Young recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Evans and invite her to sit for the oral examination of licensure. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Dr. Matthews, upon review of the CPQ application file of **Oscar A. Barbarin, Ph.D.,** recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Barbarin** and invite him to take the jurisprudence examination for licensure and meet with the Board. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Zimmerman, upon review of the CPQ application file of **Bridget Lynn Sonnier-Hillis, Ph.D.,** recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of **Dr. Sonnier-Hillis** and invite her to take the jurisprudence examination for licensure and meet with the Board. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Matthews reviewed and recommended the Board accept the Temporary Registration of **Barry Michael Crown, Ph.D..** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney reviewed and recommended the Board accept the supervised practice plans of **Erin T. Reuther, Ph.D., Alexandra L. Casalino, Psy.D., Marsheena S. Murray, Ph.D., and Amy L. Childress, Ph.D.** The recommendation passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmerman reviewed and recommended the Board accept the internship program of **Robert C. Clanton, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Courtney reviewed and recommended that the Board accept the Non-APA clinical psychology program of **Danielle L. Paul, Psy.D.** The Board accepted the recommendation.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** The Board reviewed and accepted the Financial Reports prepared by Ouida Nugent for September 2001.

**Oral Examination Committee:**

No report.

**Legislative Coordinator:** The Board reviewed the Emergency Rule noticed by the Licensed Professional Counselor Board regarding the Practice of Mental Health Counseling for Serious Mental Illness, in conjunction with Act 320. The Board opined that the language was unclear and needed revision. Dr. Courtney moved to write the LPC Board with suggested revisions. Ms. Parker agreed to draft the letter for Dr. Young's review and signature. Dr. Courtney also agreed to contact the medical board for other suggestions.

**Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards:** Dr. Matthews presented a comparison about supervision for licensure time requirements in other states. Ms. Parker reported that the LPA nomination period had been extended until December 4, 2011.

**Continuing Education:** Dr. Young reported that he still has not received information from ASPPB regarding the Guidelines for Continuing Professional Development. Dr. Young made a motion to move forward with changing the requirements and suggested a draft of the changes would be available at the next meeting for approval. The motion passed by majority roll call vote as follows: Young-yea, Matthews-yea, Culross-yea, Courtney-yea and Zimmerman-yea.

**Complaints Committee:**

No report.

**Long Range Planning Meeting/Awards Ceremony:** The Board set the Long Range Planning meeting for January 27-28, 2011.

**Ad hoc Committee: Sunset Review:** The Board discussed Sunset and agreed all draft changes should be monitored and tracked by Ms. Parker.

**Ad hoc Committee: Behavior Analysts:** Dr. Young appointed Dr. Courtney as Chair and Dr. Culross as Vice Chair of the committee. Dr. Courtney reported that he is actively working on this issue.

**Discussion Items:**

**LPA Online Academy:** The Board reviewed the feedback request of John Fanning, Ph.D., on behalf of LPA's Continuing Education Committee. The LPA provided a draft Online Academy Program application for the Board's review and requested that the Board consider facilitating a process to establish approval of CE programs, in advance. After careful consideration and discussion, the Board opined that they would not review the content of individual courses, and that the approved CE sponsors are designated in Title 46, Chapter 8.

**2011 Rule Revisions:** The Board reviewed the draft changes of the rules and agreed not to move forward with the changes at this point. The Board also agreed that the changes could be implemented during the Sunset process.

**LSBEP Newsletter:** Ms. Parker presented the draft newsletter and asked for contributions from the Board members. Dr. Matthews agreed to submit a newsletter piece. The next newsletter will be available to licensees in December 2011.

3:30p.m. Dr. Young moved to adjourn for the day. The motion unanimously passed.