

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
LICENSED SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 9, 2024

FINAL APPROVED: December 4, 2024

The meeting of the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Advisory Committee [herein Committee] of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists [Board] was noticed and the agenda was posted Monday, October 7, 2024. Committee Members Present: Dr. George Hebert, Dr. Katherine Chenier, Ms. Kelley Pursell, Ex Officio Member Jaime Monic and Board General Counsel Courtney P. Newton.

Dr. Chenier called the meeting to order on Wednesday October 9, 2024, at 2:15 p.m. at **LSU Health Sciences Center, 411 South Prieur Street, ROOM HDC 128, New Orleans, LA 70112.**

Dr. Chenier moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Hebert seconded the motion, the motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: Dr. Chenier, yes; Ms. Pursell, yes; Dr. Hebert, yes.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of September 4, 2024. Dr. Chenier moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Pursell seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: Dr. Chenier, yes; Ms. Pursell, yes; Dr. Hebert, yes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Review and discuss the scope of Practice for a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) vs. a certified school psychologist (CSP) for the purpose of recommending an amendment to the Louisiana Administrative code, Title 46, LXIII. Subpart II. Licensed Specialists in School Psychology, related to grandparenting provisions for individuals currently employed as a 'certified school psychologist'.**

The Committee reviewed regulations drafted by staff to accomplish grandfathering provisions for LDOE certified school psychologists to bridge a gap created by changes adopted by the Louisiana Department of Education which preclude trained and experienced individuals who have been working as “certified school psychologists”, Licensed Specialists in School Psychology and potentially Licensed Psychologists, from working within the field of school psychology. The draft added definitions and outlined procedures for applications to ensure qualified individuals remain in the profession. New procedures included procedures for legacy applicants (“certified school psychologists”), reciprocity applicants, Welcome Home Act applicants (2024 Regular Legislative Session), and military applicants.

Following thorough discussion, review and recommendations for improving the draft regulations. Ms. Kelley Pursell moved in favor of a formal recommendation to the LSBEP for the repromulgation of Title 46:LXIII.Subpart 2. Chapters 31. Definitions and Chapter 33. Definition of Applicant Application for Licensure as a Specialist in School Psychology.

The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: Dr. Chenier, yes; Ms. Pursell, yes; Dr. Hebert, yes.

2. **November 6, 2024, La School Psychological Association Conference – Table and Presentation**

The Committee discussed planning for finalizing a presentation to La School Psychological Association Conference, and agreed, without objection to following the same outline as in previous presentations to LSPA including speaking on the differences between certified school psychologists, LSSP's and Licensed Psychologists; differences between boards and associations, and providing information on the proposed grandparenting/reciprocity provisions if the LSBEP adopts the recommendations for changes.

All business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.