

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

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Final Approved: Tuesday, June 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, March 4, 2024. Committee Members Present: Dr. George Hebert, Dr. Katherine Chenier, Ms. Kelley Pursell, and Ex Officio Member Jaime Monic. Guests: Scott King.

Dr. Chenier called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 1:53 p.m. at **LSU Health Sciences Center, 411 South Prieur Street, ROOM HDC 301, New Orleans, LA 70112.**

Ms. Pursell moved to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Chenier seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of December 5, 2023. Dr. Chenier moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Dr. Hebert seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. **Committee Updates** –
 - i. **Status of Nominations for New Committee Member** – Ms. Monic reported that the vacancy was posted, but no one has put up their nomination for consideration.
 - ii. **2024 LRP Meeting (debrief)** – Dr. Chenier requested to add a discussion to the June 2024 agenda for CPD for LSSP.
 - iii. **Committee Recommendation to LSBEP regarding the qualifications and constitution of the LSSP Committee** – Ms. Monic reported that the Board had approved moving forward with rulemaking to change the qualifications for constitution of the LSSP Committee at their January 2024 meeting.
- b. **Future Committee Meetings/Location** – The Committee formally thanked Dr. Hebert for continuing to facilitate meeting space at LSUHSC while he continued on the committee. Ms. Monic noted that at the point LSUHSC was no longer available, the default meeting place would be the official office of the Board in Baton Rouge.
- c. **Telesupervision of Licensed Specialists in School Psychology** – Dr. Chenier requested this item be docketed again for the June 2024 meeting and directed members to take the draft regulations to be prepared to make recommendations and/or create a draft at the June 2024 meeting.
- d. **2024 Regular Legislative Session Update and Discussion** – The Committee discussed the following proposed bills: SB No 57 LAMBERT, SB No 59 FIELDS, SB 336 PRESSLY, HB No 66, and HB No 598. The Committee did not find concern for the impact on school psychologists on any piece except SB 336 PRESSLY and HB 598 VENTRELLA. Concerns with SB 336 included that there would be additional assessments required that would not add value to an assessment, unnecessary to diagnose dyslexia, removes school psychological resources from IDEA, inconsistent with DSM guidelines. Regarding HB No 598 VENTRELLA the LSSP Committee Members heard concern from the community that this was something coming from LSBEP and that it may have some implication on the use of the term “certified school psychologist” or their practice. Monic assured the Committee that this was not coming from LSBEP in any way, and that LSBEP has concerns about the impacts on current practices, and also regulatory implications of the proposed legislation.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.