

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

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 4, 2024

FINAL APPROVED: October 9, 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 Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Committee Members Present: Dr. George Hebert, Dr. Katherine Chenier, Ms. Kelley Pursell, and Ex Officio Member Jaime Monic.

Dr. Chenier called the meeting to order on Wednesday Sept. 4, 2024, at 1:38 p.m. at **LSU Health Sciences Center, 411 South Prieur Street, ROOM HDC 128, New Orleans, LA 70112.**

Ms. Pursell moved to add a discussion item for LDOE Proposed changes to certified school psychologist provisions, Chapter 17, Section 1701. Dr. Chenier seconded the motion, the motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: Dr. Chenier, yes; Ms. Pursell, yes; Dr. Hebert, yes

Dr. Chenier moved to approve the agenda 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

The Committee reviewed the minutes of June 4, 2024. Dr. Chenier moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Pursell seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Committee Updates and Discussion (Old Business):**
 - a. **Status of Nominations for New Committee Member** - Ms. Monic reported that no nominations have been received for Dr. Hebert's seat. The committee discussed the upcoming vacancy for Dr. Chenier's seat on June 30, 2024.
 - b. **Telesupervision of Licensed Specialists in School Psychology** – The Committee agreed to table this discussion to continue to work on the draft language.
2. **ADDED DISCUSSION ITEM: La Dept of Education Proposed changes to certified school psychologist provisions, Chapter 17, Section 1701** – Dr. Chenier and Ms. Pursell reported meeting with LDOE representatives over the proposed changes and implications that will become effective on January 1, 2025 to require new and renewing school psychologists to have private certification from NASP. Dr. Chenier and Ms. Pursell expressed concerns about proposed LDOE rules given the several meetings with LDOE representatives to lay groundwork for legacy licensing of certified school psychologists. The Committee discussed rulemaking by LSBEP to bridge the gap to avoid losing school psychologists in Louisiana.
3. **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 providing an opinion to the Louisiana Department of Health as to the following questions:**
 - a. **Are LSSP's trained to provide counseling services and are such services part of an LSSP's regular practice and utilized in crisis intervention?** The Committee reviewed this question and confirmed that LSSP's are trained to provide counseling services and the services are a part of an LSSP's regular practice under LDOE Bulletin 1508 and 1706. Further this scope is clarified in Board Opinions #22 which states in part, "*...Psychological services as described in §303.13 [USDOE 34 CFR PART 303] are consistent with the qualifications of an Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP), and include: "... (iv)*

Planning and managing a program of psychological services, including psychological counseling for children and parents, family counseling, consultation on child development, parent training, and education programs.””

And reiterated in Opinion No. 24 which further clarifies that the scope includes “...*psychological counseling for students and parents (which may also include implementing and/or monitoring interventions, conducting social skills training, anger management/conflict resolution training, study skills training, substance abuse prevention, crisis prevention and intervention, parent skills training, and coordinating services with other community agencies....*”

- b. Would it be appropriate and/or are there services for which an LSSP could supervise a CSP for reimbursement?** After consideration and review of applicable statutes, rules and board opinions, the Committee determined that although an LSSP can supervise trainees toward licensure, there is no situation or regular provision that would enable an LSSP to utilize assistants (e.g. CPS, ATAP) in the provision of services to clients.
- 4. Continuing Professional Development Requirement Rules Review** –Dr. Chenier noted that she was interested in assuring that LSSP requirements for CPD were consistent with that of a licensed psychologist. Ms. Monic reported that the Board was currently in the process of reviewing regulations for licensed psychologists and recommended the LSSP Committee wait until they have a final model before changing the LSSP model. The Committee agreed to table this discussion without objection until after LSBEP completes amendments to licensed psychologist CPD regulations.
- 5. Review Procedures for Review and Approval of Applications**
 - a. Reinstatement Applications, new/unintended lapses.** The Committee discussed current procedures regarding reinstatement applications for new and unintended lapses.
 - b. Reinstatement Applications, within one year – Committee Reviewer to check Continuing Professional Development.** The Committee discussed current procedures regarding reinstatement applications within one year.
 - c. Reinstatement Applications after more than one year – require full committee/board review.** The Committee discussed current procedures regarding reinstatement applications after more than two years..

EXECUTIVE SESSION [LSA-R.S.42.16.1 and 42.17.A(1)] Dr. Hebert moved to enter executive session pursuant to LSA 42.16.1 and 42.17.A(1) to conduct new application file reviews and reinstatement applications.

OPEN MEETING/DISCUSSION ITEMS CON’T: Dr. Hebert move to close executive session to offer motions on the matters discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTIONS [LSA-R.S.42.16.1 and 42.17.A(1)]

- 1. Review and discuss new Applications for License**
 - a. Rachelle M. Schuck, S.S.P.** The Committee reviewed the Application for Licensed Specialist in School Psychology of **Rachelle M. Schuck, S.S.P.** Finding that the requirements for licensure have been met, Dr. Chenier moved that the Committee confirm the Candidacy status of **Rachelle M. Schuck, S.S.P.** and recommend her to the Board for licensure as a Specialist in School. Dr. Hebert seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection. Ms. Pursell was recused from the review and discussion.
 - b. Breia L. Daniels-Charles, S.S.P.** - The Committee reviewed the Application for Licensed Specialist in School Psychology of **Breia L. Daniels-Charles, S.S.P.** Finding that the requirements for licensure have been met, Ms. Pursell moved that the Committee

confirm the Candidacy status of **Breia L. Daniels-Charles, S.S.P.** and recommend her to the Board for licensure as a Specialist in School. Dr. Hebert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Vanessa Lilian Chahin- Ed.S.** The Committee reviewed the status of this application still in progress.

2. **Review and discuss Reinstatement Applications**

- a. **Adam J. Winter** – Dr. Chenier recused from this review and discussion. The Committee reviewed the reinstatement application of **Mr. Winter**. Dr. Hebert moved to approve the reinstatement application and reinstate the **Mr. Winter's LSSP License**. Ms. Pursell seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection
- b. **Courtney Creppel** – The Committee reviewed the status of this application.
- c. **Shannette Dominick** – The Committee reviewed the status of this application.
- d. **Stacey Johnson, Reinstated 8/20/2024** – The Committee reviewed and confirmed the reinstatement of Stacey Johnson's LSSP License by Dr. Chenier.

3. **Review and discuss Renewal Applications**

- a. **Ann Dettman - CPD Extension Review** – The Committee reviewed the status of the CPD for Ann Dettman. Ms. Pursell moved to approve Ms. Dettman's renewal on receipt of additional documentation.

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