

**Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting**

**Friday, December 15, 2023**  
**APPROVED April 19, 2024**

A Special Meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board or LSBEP) was noticed pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2353(B) for the sole purpose of considering licensing recommendations following oral examinations conducted on December 15, 2023. The final agenda was posted and emailed to individuals and the news media who have requested to receive notices of LSBEP meetings on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. The notice included information on how to view the meeting virtually via Zoom at [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82507059591?pwd=ecboDCWAcFEbJxz\\_zXEEtBpZ-82zps.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82507059591?pwd=ecboDCWAcFEbJxz_zXEEtBpZ-82zps.1) Passcode: S46L5k; Or One tap mobile: US: +13017158592, 82507059591#, \*143629# or +13126266799, 82507059591#, \*143629#; Or Telephone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):US: +1 301 715 8592; +1 312 626 6799; +1 929 205 6099; +1 253 215 8782; +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833 **Webinar ID:** 825 0705 9591 Passcode: 143629

**Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Dr. Michelle Moore, Dr. Matthew Holcomb, Dr. Shawanda Woods-Smith  
Board Members Absent: Dr. Shannae Harness, Dr. T. Shavaun Sam  
Staff Present: Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic  
In-person Attendees: None  
Zoom Attendees: Bowdre Banks, Schuyuler Ray Lawyer, D Banks, Alannia Mosley

**CALL TO ORDER:** A quorum of members being present, the Board Chairperson, Dr. Michelle Moore, called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023.

**DECLARATION OF PURPOSE:** Dr. Moore read the mission statement as follows, *“It is hereby declared that the creation of a state board of examiners of psychologists is necessary in order to safeguard life, health, property, and the public welfare of this state, and in order to protect the people of this state against unauthorized, unqualified, and improper application of psychology.”*

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Dr. Matthew Holcomb moved to approve the agenda as written. The motion to approve the agenda passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, and Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Harness, Sam.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Dr. Moore read the public comment for Dr. Shavaun Sam as follows “As a Board Member who cannot attend this meeting, I request that Board members are transparent and responsible in their duties. My perception is that the meeting today is being held ONLY at the desires of current chair who has continuously expressed a different opinion about the timeline proposed and already approved by this Board in efforts to offer a streamlined and predictable process to applicants. The Board voted on this matter and the current chair appears to bring it up without new data to support otherwise: our current process has provided more information upfront to candidates than our previous procedure and is more in line with other jurisdictions who administer oral examination. Voting today may set precedent for future applicants bringing us back to an older procedure. I do not agree with the Board Chair operating around and in spite of its Board.”

## NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**OPEN MEETING:** Following an opportunity for discussion, the matter was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, and Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Harness, Sam.

### **Oral Examination Committee Recommendations:**

- a. **Kimberly McGuire, Ph.D.** appeared at 9:00 a.m. on December 15, 2023 before Examining Board Members: Moore and Sam for licensure via reciprocity as a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology. Finding that **Dr. McGuire** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that the Board grant **Dr. McGuire** a license to practice psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.
- b. **William Prince, Psy.D.** appeared at 9:00 a.m on December 15, 2023 before Examining Board Members: Holcomb and Woods-Smith for licensure via reciprocity as a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology. Finding that **Dr. Prince** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Holcomb moved that the Board grant **Dr. Prince** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.
- c. **Zachary Cohen, Ph.D.** appeared at 10:00 a.m on December 15, 2023 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Moore and Sam. Finding that **Dr. Cohen** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that the Board grant **Dr. Cohen** a license to practice psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.
- d. **Michael Bricker, Ph.D.** appeared at 10:00 a.m on December 15, 2023 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Holcomb and Woods-Smith. Finding that **Dr. Bricker** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Holcomb moved that the Board grant **Dr. Bricker** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.
- e. **Leah Kaylor, Ph.D.** appeared at 11:00 a.m on December 15, 2023 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Moore and Sam. Finding that **Dr. Kaylor** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that the Board grant **Dr. Kaylor** a license to practice psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.
- f. **Kylee Miller, Ph.D.** appeared at 11:00 a.m on December 15, 2023 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Holcomb and Woods-Smith. Finding that **Dr. Miller** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Miller** a license to practice psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.
- g. **Alexandra Fuller, Psy.D.** appeared at 1:00 p.m on December 15, 2023 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Sam and Woods-Smith. Finding that **Dr. Fuller** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Fuller** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present

as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.

- h. **Donice Banks, Ph.D.** appeared at 1:00 p.m on December 15, 2023 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Moore and Holcomb. Finding that **Dr. Banks** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that the Board grant **Dr. Banks** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Developmental Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.
- i. **Alyssa Button, Ph.D.** appeared at 2:00 p.m on December 15, 2023 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Moore and Holcomb. Finding that **Dr. Button** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that the Board grant **Dr. Button** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.
- j. **Jerrica Guidry, Ph.D.** appeared at 2:00 p.m on December 15, 2023 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Sam and Woods-Smith. Finding that **Dr. Guidry** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Guidry** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.
- k. **Alannia Mosley, Ph.D.** Recommendation tabled pending receipt of additional information.
- l. **Virginia Hatch, Ph.D.** appeared at 4:00 p.m on December 15, 2023 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Moore and Holcomb. Finding that **Dr. Hatch** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that the Board grant **Dr. Hatch** a license to practice psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.
- m. **Sam Allouche, Ph.D.** appeared at 4:00 p.m on December 15, 2023 for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Sam and Woods-Smith. Finding that **Dr. Allouche** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Allouche** a license to practice psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Moore, Holcomb, Woods-Smith Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (2) Sam, Harness.

Dr. Moore thanked board members who were able to be present to vote on recommendations for the candidates who completed oral examinations today. Dr. Moore stated that "...by licensing qualified individuals today, we were able to increase the number of psychologists able to practice which increases services to the public."

Adjourn 5:32 p.m.

#### LEGAL NOTICES

LA R.S. 42.14.D. Public comments\*\* – In accordance with LA R.S. 42.14.D., the LSBEP shall allow public comments at any point in the meeting prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. Individuals who wish to comment on a matter must sign in and state their intent to comment on a matter. La. R.S. 44:33.1 - In compliance with La. R.S. 44:33.1, the LSBEP hereby gives notice that information submitted to the LSBEP may become public record pursuant to the provisions of Louisiana Public Records Law, La. R.S. 44:1, et seq.