

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

Thursday, January 19, 2023 and Friday, January 20, 2023

FINAL APPROVED: April 21, 2023

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board or LSBEP) was noticed and the final agenda was posted and emailed to individuals and the news media who have requested to receive notices of LSBEP meetings Wednesday, January 18, 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 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

DAY 1 Attendance:

Board Members Present: Dr. Greg Gormanous, Dr. Michelle Moore, Dr. Shannae Harness, Dr. T. Shavaun Sam and Dr. Matthew Holcomb

Board Members Absent: Mr. Chance McNeely

Staff Present: Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic

Zoom Attendees: Farrah Golmaryami, Jade Kobayashi and Kim VanGeffen

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of members present (Drs. Gormanous, Moore, Harness and Holcomb Board Chairperson, Dr. Greg Gormanous, called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE: Dr. Gormanous 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.”*

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Dr. Gormanous called for amendments to the agenda.

The following amendments were proposed:

1. By motion of Dr. Gormanous: Amend General Discussion/Action Item #2.f. on page 3 read, “Vote on an internal travel policy draft for exemption” to clarify that since the Board previously approved a motion to request an exemption from PPM49, that the Board would be reviewing and considering a travel policy proposed to replace PPM49;
2. By motion of Dr. Gormanous: Amend the agenda to add an Executive Discussion item under Complaints to consider the Matter P22-23-07C;

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3. By motion of Dr. Sam: Amend the Agenda to remove Executive Discussion Items, Supervision/Credentials File Reviews for Lindsey L. Pierce, Brittanee A. Miller, Stephanie Repasky, and Rachel Heatherly and move them to the Consent Agenda since these reviews were previously completed.

Dr. Harness objected to removing Stephanie Repasky from Executive Session discussion. Dr. Sam revised her motion to remove the request pertaining to Stephanie Repasky. Following opportunity for discussion of the remaining amendments, the combined motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

Dr. Gormanous called for the removal of items from the Consent Agenda. Dr. Sam noted that she requested additions to the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the meeting. Hearing no objection, Ms. Monic read aloud the Consent Agenda as amended, for consideration by the Board for affirmation, ratification, adoption, approval, and/or conferral as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes (Approval):

December 16, 2022 Minutes

b. Financial Statements Received (Affirm and Ratify):

November 2022– General Ledger, Balance Sheet, Budget vs. Actual, Profit & Loss December 2022 - General Ledger, Balance Sheet, Budget vs. Actual, Profit & Loss

c. Temporary Registrations approved (Affirm and Ratify):

Name	State of Residence	Reviewer	Date/Result
GOODMAN, Erica L.	Illinois, 2 nd	J. Monic	01/03/2023 Approved
SHELTON, Sarah F.	Kentucky, 2 nd	J. Monic	01/17/2023 Approved
VABLAIS, Cerise M.	Washington. 1 st	J. Monic	0/17/2023 Approved

d. Supervised Practice Plans approved (Affirm and Ratify):

Applicant	Supervisor	Reviewer	Date/Result
ALLOUCHE, Sam	Michael Major	T. Sam	01/04/2023 – Denied

e. Applicants approved for Candidacy Status and issued Provisional Licensure (eligible for EPPP) (Affirm and Ratify):

Candidate	Supervisor	Reviewer	Date Approved
Lindsey L. Pierce, Ph.D.	Allison Booth Trigg	S. Sam	1/18/2023 - Approved
Brittanee A. Miller, Psy.D.	Nicholas Tworek	S. Sam	1/18/2023 -Approved

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f. Applicants approved for Candidacy Status (eligible for EPPP) (Affirm and Ratify):

Candidate	Reviewer	Date Approved
None to report		

g. Candidates approved for Oral Examination or Face to Face (Affirm and Ratify):

Candidate	Reviewer	Date Approved
Rachel P. Heatherly, Ph.D.	S. Sam	1/18/2023 - Approved

h. Licensure recommendations of applicants and candidates who have completed all licensing requirements, including passing LSBEP’s Jurisprudence and Oral Examinations (Board Conferral):

Name	Declared Specialty	Date of Examination	Examining Members
None to report			

i. Licensure recommendations of applicants and candidates who have completed all licensing requirements, including passing LSBEP’s Jurisprudence and Face to Face Interview (Board Conferral):

Name	Declared Specialty	Date of Examination	Examining Members
None to report			

j. Licensure recommendations from the LSSP Committee of applicants for Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) who have completed all licensing requirements (Board Conferral):

Name	Date of LSSP Committee Review	Committee Reviewers
None to report		

k. License Respecialization:

Name	Current Specialization	Added Specialization	Date of Examination	Examining Members
None to report				

l. License Reinstatements (Board Conferral):

Name	Reviewer	Date
None to report		

m. Continuing Professional Development Reviews (Affirm and Ratify):

Name	Review Type	Reviewer	Date Approved
None to report			

n. Shared News releases/general information/previously approved business (Affirm):

1) None to report

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Following the reading of the Consent Agenda, Dr. Gormanous called for motions to object or approve the Consent Agenda. Regarding the items specified on the Consent Agenda, Dr. Sam moved to approve, affirm and ratify the items on the Consent Agenda accordingly. Following opportunity for discussion, the matter was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

Dr. Gormanous stated for the record that the Financial Statements do not include approving bank reconciliations and other records that he has not signed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Dr. Sam moved to enter Executive Session (pursuant to La. R.S.42:16.1, La. R.S. 42.17.A(1) and A(4) discuss oral examination results. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

OPEN MEETIN: Dr. Sam moved to exit Executive Session to receive licensing recommendations and motions on Ashleigh Eaves, Jade Kobayashi and Farrah Golmaryami. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

Oral Examination: Ashleigh Eaves, Ph.D. appeared before Examining Board Member, Dr. Matthew Holcomb and Board Approved Examiner, Dr. Jesse Lambert for an oral examination for licensure in School Psychology on January 19, 2023. Dr. Holcomb moved that Dr. Eaves be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in School Psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

Oral Examination: Jade Kobayashi, Ph.D. appeared before Examining Board Members, Dr. Greg Gormanous and Dr. Shannae Harness for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology on January 19, 2023. Finding that Dr. Kobayashi met the requirements for licensure, Dr. Gormanous moved that Dr. Kobayashi be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

Oral Examination: Farrah Golmaryami, Ph.D. appeared before Examining Board Member, Dr. Matthew Holcomb and Board Approved Examiner, Dr. Jesse Lambert for an oral examination for licensure in Developmental Psychology on January 19, 2023. Finding that Dr. Golmaryami met the requirements for licensure, Dr. Holcomb moved that Dr. Golmaryami be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Developmental Psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Dr. Sam moved to return to Executive Session (pursuant to La. R.S.42:16.1, La. R.S. 42.17.A(1) and A(4) to discuss the remaining items under oral examinations, and supervision and credentials reviews. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

OPEN MEETING: Dr. Sam moved to exit Executive Session to receive recommendations and motions pertaining to Shannon Cosentino, Lacey Moffatt and Stephanie Repasky. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

ORAL EXAMINATION RESULTS: [LSA-R.S. 42.16.1]

Shannon Cosentino, Ph.D. (CL) and draft letter review – Following discussion in Executive Session, Dr. Moore moved that the board approve the draft letter to Dr. Cosentino. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

SUPERVISION/CREDENTIALS: File Reviews [LSA-R.S. 42.17.A(1)]

Lacey Moffatt, Psy.D. File Review for Candidacy – Dr. Sam was recused from this discussion and vote. The matter of Dr. Moffatt’s request for an exception to the Louisiana Administrative Code to extend the time allowed for passing the EPPP, was discussed in Executive Session. Dr. Moore moved to table the discussion until January 20, 2023, to afford the Board an opportunity to consult with Executive Counsel, Jonathon Wagner. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Gormanous, Moore, Harness and Holcomb; Against: (1); Abstained: Sam (recused) (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

Richard S. Cowles, Psy.D. - File Review for Candidacy/Oral Examination - Following discussion in Executive Session, Dr. Sam moved to approve Dr. Cowles as a candidate for licensure and invite Dr. Cowles to complete the Oral Examination for licensure. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

Stephanie A. Repasky, Psy.D. - Reinstatement Application - Following discussion in Executive Session, Dr. Harness moved that the board request additional information. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

GENERAL DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. **Rulemaking Status/update from Dr. Moore and Ms. Monic regarding Occupational Licensing Review Commission hearing.** – Dr. Moore reported that she and Ms. Monic appeared before the Occupational Licensing Review Commission to request permission to proceed with rulemaking and

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that she was pleased to report that the Commission voted unanimously to approve LSBEP’s rules and authorize them to proceed with rulemaking.

- b. **Draft Response to LAPS inquiry received 1/16/2023** – Dr. Gormanous moved to approve the response drafted in reply to the LAPS inquiry received on 1/16/2023. Following opportunity for review and discussion, Dr. Moore moved in favor of sending the letter as drafted. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.
- c. **Valerie Dominique, CPA, New Contract with HTP** – The Board reviewed the email correspondence from CPA Valerie Dominique regarding her employment with Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP (“HTB”) accounting firm and the offer by the firm to honor the remaining contract and allow Ms. Dominique to continue services to the LSBEP under HTP. In response, the following formal Motion and Resolution was offered by Dr. Gregory Gormanous who moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS the Board is authorized under R.S. 37:2353.C(2) to “Employ, within the limits of funds received by the Board, ...general legal counsel, or other personnel necessary for the proper performance of work under this Chapter”; and

WHEREAS the Board is authorized under R.S. 37:2353.G to be “...financially self-sufficient...receive no state funds through appropriation or otherwise and shall not expend any such state funds...” and is further authorized to collect fees under R.S. 37:2354 et al which “...shall be paid into the treasure of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologist and may be expended by the board without appropriation for costs of administration and other expenses, and any surplus at the end of a fiscal year or a biennium may be retained by the board for future expenditures and the board is not required to pay any such surplus into the general fund of the state of Louisiana.”; and

WHEREAS the nature of the functions performed by the Board require the services of a Certified Public Accountant to fulfill this function; and

WHEREAS Valerie Dominique has been found to be qualified for this position and has previously contracted with Board to provide accounting services to Board to their satisfaction.

WHEREAS the services of Valerie Dominique were previously procured through the Valerie A. Dominique, CPA, LLC; and

WHEREAS Valerie Dominique will now be employed by Hannis T. Bourgeois CPA’s and Business Advisors (HTB);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board transfer the current contract balance with Valerie Dominique, CPA, LLC to Hannis T. Bourgeois CPA’s and Business Advisors (HTB); which terms are for an amount not to exceed \$6,000, to furnish general accounting services, including but not limited to: assist with providing information for the annual compilation; prepare monthly financial reports including: General Ledger, Profit and Loss (budget vs. actual) FY to date, Balance Sheet, and a financial status report; prepare all federal, state and local tax reports; and prepare other financial reports/documents for government agencies, as needed, upon request of the Executive Director for the remainder of the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The contract to continue at the following rates of pay: \$60 per hour for accounting services, payable on a monthly basis and upon receipt of an itemized statement of services performed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Ms. Jaime Monic, Executive Director, to execute the transition of such contract for approval through the Office of State Procurement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Following opportunity for discussion, the resolution having been submitted to a vote, passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

Action: Monic facilitate contract with HTB

Dr. Gormanous requested the minutes reflect that Valerie Dominique has been an absolute jewel, and that during what he refers to as the “dark age” of 2015 came into work to bail the board out without charging for it.

d. Job description for Executive Counsel (In House/Prosecuting) – The Board reviewed and discussed updating the policy to include a Job Description for Executive Counsel. Dr. Moore moved in favor of adopting an update to the Board’s Policy and Procedures to include a job description for Executive Counsel as follows:

LSBEP EXECUTIVE COUNSEL (IN-HOUSE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY) JOB DESCRIPTION:
FUNCTION OF WORK: To serve as a senior attorney in a legal unit and serve as a specialist of the most complex law areas.

LEVEL OF WORK: Discipline and Compliance

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: This professional legal position employed by the LSBEP requires functioning at an independent level with administrative supervision and oversight by the Executive Director and/or Board.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: May supervise a lower ranking personnel.

JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (NOT ALL POSSIBLE TASKS ARE INCLUDED):

Executive Counsel may be utilized by the LSBEP to

1. facilitate disciplinary and compliance procedures by coordinating with the Board Investigator, Complaints Coordinator, Board Member and/or other appropriate staff/board members in the investigation of alleged or suspected misconduct by licensees, applicants for licensure, and/or others
2. facilitate the negotiation of settlement terms for Impaired Psychologist Procedure Agreements and Consents Orders and prosecute all administrative matters which go before the Board for adjudication
3. monitor the status of pending investigations and complaints and compliance with Impaired Psychologist Procedure Agreements and Consent Orders
4. initiate or facilitate the initiation of an Administrative Complaint on behalf of the Board and/or sign an Administrative Complaint
5. initiate or facilitate the initiation of subpoenas
6. represent the Board in proceedings before other administrative tribunals, boards, or commissions and state district and appellate courts
7. assist the Executive Director with review of and response to public records requests
8. develop and conduct educational compliance training for board members, staff and licensees related to statutory and regulatory requirements
9. conduct a continuous study of applicable law and judicial decisions that may impact the practice of psychology and/or the responsibilities and duties of the Board to regulate the practice of psychology

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10. review and advise the Board on policies and procedures that may impact the practice of psychology and/or the responsibilities and duties of the Board to regulate the practice of psychology in consultation with the Executive Director
11. provide legal advice to the Board and any Board Committee pertaining to any matter that may impact the practice of psychology and/or the responsibilities and duties of the Board to regulate the practice of psychology in consultation with the Executive Director
12. draft and/or review new legislation that may impact the practice of psychology and/or the responsibilities and duties of the Board to regulate the practice of psychology in consultation with the Executive Director
13. assist the Executive Director with preparing and/or overseeing compliance with statutorily mandated reports as assigned by the Executive Director
14. perform any other related duties that may be assigned by the Executive Director or Board

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a license to practice law in the state of Louisiana, plus four years of experience as a practicing attorney.

Following opportunity for review and discussion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

Action: Monic update LSBEP Policy and Procedures

ADJOURN: At 6:25 p.m. Dr. Moore moved that the Board recess and take up the remaining items on January 19, 2023. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion passed without objection.

DAY 2: LONG RANGE PLANNING **January 20, 2023**

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DAY 2 Attendance:

Board Members Present: Dr. Greg Gormanous, Dr. Michelle Moore, Mr. Chance McNeely, Dr. Shannae Harness, Dr. T. Shavaun Sam and Dr. Matthew Holcomb

Board Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic, Executive Counsel, Jonathon Wagner

Guest Presenters: Dr. Marianne Atwell-Burnetti, Dr. Matthew Turner and Dr. Hao Song,

Zoom Attendees: Dr. Kim VanGeffen, Dr. Richard Niolon, Dr. Paula Zeanah, Dr. Koren Boggs, Dr. Joseph Comaty, Chloe Brubacher and Jalyne Brown

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CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of members present (Drs. Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb) Board Chairperson, Dr. Greg Gormanous, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023.

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Dr. Gormanous welcomed guest presenters Dr. Mariann Burnetti-Atwell, Dr. Matthew Turner, and Dr. Hao Song. Dr. Gormanous also noted that the Board would be taking up Discussion Items “e.” and “f.” from the previous Day’s agenda that the Board did not get to due to time and include:

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. The Board received a presentation from representatives of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) including Dr. Mariann Burnetti-Atwell (ASPPB Chief Executive Officer) who spoke to ASPPB’s role being to have jurisdictions be self-guided, Dr. Matthew Turner (ASPPB Former Director of Examination Services) who presented a Power Point on test development, validation process as per Standards, Sharpless studies on differential pass rates, etc., and introduction to Dr. Hao Song (ASPPB Associate Executive Officer of Examinations Services), who spoke regarding the validity and other issues concerning the EPPP (Part I and Part II). This presentation was conducted at the request of the Board in response to the decision by ASPPB to define the EPPP as one examination with 2 parts, forcing LSBEP to consider its current procedures for assessing both knowledge and skill. Following the presentation, the Board asked questions of the presenters regarding the examination, validity, logistics of registration across jurisdictions, timing for admission to the examination. *Board Member McNeely arrived during this presentation.*

Following the presentation by ASPPB, the Board discussed two items from the previous day:

- e. **ASPPB Mid-year Meeting, Denver, CO; April 20-23, 2023 (Designate 2 funded attendees)** – The Board discussed attendance at the ASPPB Mid-year Meeting and noted the dates of the Conference were April 27-30, 2023. The Board affirmed they budgeted for registration, travel and lodging for two attendees at the mid-year meeting (the Executive Director and one Board Member). Drs. Moore and Sam both expressed interest and availability to attend. Dr. Moore moved that Dr. Sam and Ms. Monic be funded to attend ASPPB Mid-year meeting. She also expressed that she would like the opportunity to attend the Annual meeting. Dr. Gormanous noted that he would be attending the Mid-year meeting at his own expense. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion

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passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0)

Action: Sam/Monic Travel Arrangements and Registration

- f. **LSBEP TRAVEL POLICY | Vote on exemption from PPM49** – The Board discussed the draft policy proposed by Dr. Gormanous to present to Commissioner Jay Dardenne as part of a petition for exemption from Louisiana Travel Policy PPM 49. The draft would replace PPM 49 if approved by the Commissioner. Following opportunity for review and discussion. Dr. Sam moved that the Board accept the travel policy draft in lieu of PPM 49 with the following changes: 1. Under 5.C. (changing “must” to “may” and removing “in sequential order” and 2. Remove C.2. Following opportunity for review and discussion, Dr. Moore moved in favor of sending the letter as drafted. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0)
- Action: Monic/Gormanous prepare petition for exemption to Commissioner Dardenne**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Dr. Sam moved to enter Executive Session (pursuant to La. R.S.42:16.1, La. R.S. 42.17.A(1) and A(4) discuss complaint matters, jurisprudence examination items and matters tabled from January 19, 2023. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0).

OPEN MEETING: Dr. Moore moved to exit Executive Session to receive recommendations and motions of items discussed in Executive Session. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0).

Matter tabled from January 19, 2023: Lacey Moffatt, Psy.D. File Review for Candidacy – Dr. Sam was recused from this discussion and vote. Following discussion in Executive Session regarding Dr. Moffatt’s request for an exception to the Louisiana Administrative Code to extend the time allowed for passing the EPPP, Dr. Harness moved to deny the variance. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by majority roll-call vote as follows: In favor: (4), Moore, McNeely, Harness, and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (2) Sam due to recusal; Gormanous; Absent: (0).

1. COMPLAINTS [LSA-R.S.42.17.A(4)]:

a. **P20-21-15P – Recommendation to continue IPPA/consider treatment recommendations**

(Vigen/Wagner) (*Dr. Moore recused herself from this matter*) – Mr. Wagner presented this matter to the Board The Board received a deidentified status report on this matter and recommendation to continue the IPPA and approve treatment recommendations for the respondent. Following opportunity for discussion, Dr. Sam moved to continue the IPPA with oversight from Dr. Holcomb if there are no conflicts identified, and with the addition of treatment recommendations to include, all recommendations from the evaluator, and additional requirements for monitoring and supervision as discussed by the Board in Executive Session. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by majority roll-call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, McNeely, Harness, and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (1) Moore due to recusal; Absent: (0).

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- b. **NP22-23-09B –Assignment to Board Member (Gormanous)** – This matter, involving a Non-psychologist, was discussed in Executive Session. The Board agreed to proceed with an investigation. Dr. Moore agreed to serve as the Complaint Coordinator on the matter. **Action: Attorney Wagner coordinate case review with Dr. Moore.**
- c. **NP22-23-01C – Recommendation to Close (Gormanous/Wagner)** – The Board discussed this matter, involving a Non-psychologist, in Executive Session. Dr. Gormanous reported that Dr. Moore and Mr. Wagner reviewed and affirmed his recommendation to dismiss this matter without further action, and moved for approval of the recommendation for dismissal. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0).
- d. **NP22-23-02C – Recommendation to Close (Gormanous/Wagner)** - The Board discussed this matter, involving a Non-psychologist, in Executive Session. Dr. Gormanous reported that Dr. Moore and Mr. Wagner reviewed and affirmed his recommendation to dismiss this matter without further action, and moved for approval of the recommendation for dismissal. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0).
- e. **NP22-23-06LSSP** - This matter, involving a Non-psychologist, was discussed in Executive Session. The Board agreed to proceed with an investigation. Dr. Holcomb agreed to serve as the Complaint Coordinator on the matter. **Action: Attorney Wagner coordinate case review with Dr. Holcomb**
- f. **Legal Status Update and Review:**
 - i. **P12-13-10C, P13-14-04C, and P13-14-05C** – These related matters were discussed in Executive Session. Dr. Gormanous requested that Ms. Monic follow up with Attorney Amy Lowe for a legal status of court proceedings.
 - ii. **P15-16-03C, P16-17-14C, and P17-18-11C** – These related matters were not discussed in Executive Session. The Board received a status update on these matters as being complete and that the decision of the Board is now final. Further, that the debt owed to the Board, which is in excess of \$100,000, has not been collected.
- g. **P22-23-07C (Added by Gormanous)** - This matter was discussed by the Board in Executive Session. Dr. Gormanous reported that Dr. Moore reviewed and affirmed his recommendation to dismiss this matter without further action, and therefore moved for approval of the recommendation for dismissal. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0).

2. JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION [LSA-R.S. 42:17] - The Board reviewed the data on jurisprudence examination items including the percentage candidates answered items

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correctly/incorrectly. Dr. Holcomb agreed to evaluate and offer proposed revisions on examination questions at a later date.

GENERAL DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. **Review and discuss training for new rules** – Dr. Sam moved that the Board grant her authority to develop training for the roll out procedure for the Registration of Assistants to Psychologists. She stated this training is intended to clarify the process of registration and potentially answer questions pertaining to supervising ATAPs, which training would be offered for continuing education credit. Dr. Sam indicated that the Board would have the opportunity to review and approve the training. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0).
Action: Dr. Sam to develop training.

- b. **Reschedule Awards Ceremony for April '23 or July '23** – The Board discussed future meeting dates in relation to options to conduct the Awards Ceremony to Honor Drs. Koren Boggs, Amy Henke and Gina Gibson. Dr. Moore moved in favor of having a nice Awards Ceremony on April 21, 2023. Dr. Moore indicated that Ms. Monic had obtained quotes from Little Village in Baton Rouge that had menu options within the Board’s budget and within the limits allowed by the Board of Ethics. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0).
Action: Coordinate Awards Ceremony for April 21, 2023

- c. **Letter from ethics attorney** – Dr. Gormanous reported that an answer to the request for an Advisory Opinion from the Ethics Board, Docket No. 2022-747 had been received. Dr. Gormanous shared documentation that the letter was sent to his home address. Further that the conclusion was that the Code does not require the LSBEP or its members to disclose waiver of registration fees for attendance at ASPPB.
- d. **Action: None**

- e. **ATAP Administering select projective test if adequately trained** - The Board discussed the proposed language, specifically under LAC46:LXIII.1105.C. to address concerns posed by licensee’s that the section would restrict test instruments like the “Draw-A-Person” (classified as a projective test measure), which some ATAPs are currently administering. Dr. Moore stated that it is her opinion that when the full context of the section is considered, the section does not prohibit the administration of tests such as the “Draw-A-Person” or similar projective tests as long as a measure has a standardized method for administration and scoring. Dr. Sam agreed this was her view also and stated her understanding of the intent of the section is to restrict the global use of projective measures and ensure the licensed psychologist understands that it remains their judgment of what can be done and by whom under their license; measures which do not have “specific predetermined and manualized administrative procedures, and which entail behavioral observations, and/or recording test responses” would not include Draw-A-Person nor similar projective measures; and further, that the decisions made related to test selection are at the discretion of and responsibility of the licensed psychologist who should be competent in all measures considered. The Board unanimously affirmed the position of Dr. Moore and Dr. Sam

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without objection. Dr. Sam reiterated that any psychologist with a question can always submit inquiry to the Supervision & Credentials committee or Board as needed.

Action: None

- f. **Technology - IT Quotes for Upgrades (Sparkhound and Covalent Logic)** – The Board compared quotes for developing and maintaining an online application and renewal management system, due to the age, stability and security of the current licensing management system. Ms. Monic reported that Covalent’s quote for development offered additional functionality for an investigation management system which would enable the Board to address recommendations from with the Legislative Auditor. The initial financial obligation to develop the software to LSBEP’s current needs (including online applications) was \$50,000 plus \$3,000 for content migration. The addition of the component to register assistants to psychologists was an additional \$50,000. The quote also included a monthly support and data management fee of \$1,500 a month. Following discussion, the Board agreed to continue looking at options. Dr. Holcomb requested that Ms. Monic investigate what it would look like for the Board to obtain a loan for software development.

Action: Monic investigate what it would look like for the Board to obtain a loan for software development.

1:00 – 2:00 Working lunch – **Training for Board Members, Staff and Workgroup Participants by Amy Groves Lowe (1 hour) - Anti-trust** - Staff and Board Member received training by Attorney Amy Groves Lowe related to the Board’s responsibility, recognizing anti-trust issues, the Board’s policy regarding anti-trust and how to handle anti-trust matters.

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND LIAISON/AD HOC/OTHER REPORTS**

- a. **LSSP Committee Report** – Dr. Hebert and Ms. Kelley Pursell appeared before the Board to provide an annual summary report to the LSBEP, advising that the Committee has met in New Orleans, LA for the past two quarterly meetings, they continue to thoroughly review application files for licensure and provide recommendations to the Board related to licensure and issues impacting the regulation of LSSP’s such as Medicare reimbursement issues in the school system. Dr. Hebert also expressed his gratitude on behalf of himself and the LSSP Committee, for the Board approving travel reimbursement for Committee Members to attend meetings.
- b. **Executive Committee** -No report due to time limitations
- c. **Executive Director Report** – No report due to time limitations
- d. **Finance – (i) Update on Accounts Receivables including update on litigation/complaints accounts receivable – Drs. Gormanous, Moore & Ms. Monic** - Ms. Monic discussed options previously presented to the Board regarding contracting with the Attorney General for debt collection. The Board reviewed the contract for debt collection with the Attorney General’s office. Dr. Sam moved that the Board negotiate an Interagency Agreement with Office of the Attorney General for the Collection of Outstanding Receivables, including the terms of payment to the Attorney General in the amount of 25% of the actual debt collected, and to authorize Ms. Monic to effectuate the agreement. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0).
- e. **Complaints** – No report due to time limitations

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- f. **Continuing Professional Development** – Dr. Sam stated that she would like to be empowered to start searching for the next presenter for a Board sponsored CPD. The Board affirmed this delegation without objection. Dr. Gormanous asked Dr. Sam to also include follow up with APA’s Dr. Akbar & Dr Awad.
- g. **Jurisprudence Examination** – No report due to time limitations
- h. **Legislative and Regulatory Oversight** – No report due to time limitations
- i. **Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards** – No report due to time limitations
- j. **Long Range Planning** – No report due to time limitations
- k. **Oral Examination** – No report due to time limitations
- l. **Public and Professional Outreach** – No report due to time limitations
- m. **Supervision and Credentials** – No report due to time limitations
- n. **Ad hoc/Other: Recruitment/Search –Executive Counsel** – Mr. Jonathon Wagner was introduced to the Board as the new Executive Counsel.

LONG RANGE PLANNING DISCUSSION:

- a. **WELCOME SPECIAL GUESTS:** Former Board Members and Association Representatives – Dr. Gormanous acknowledged individuals viewing from home and Dr. Amy Henke who was present for the Long Range Planning discussion.
- b. **LONG RANGE PLANNING DISCUSSION:**
 - i. **Masters Level License/Credentialing** – The Board discussed this topic taking into consideration the steps being taken by the American Psychological Association to begin accrediting masters level psychology programs. Mr. McNeely moved that staff study best practices and licensing considerations related to master’s level licensing in North America and seek input and resources from any relevant organizations, staff and experts as staff deems fit. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0).
Action: Monic organize workgroup to begin compiling data for Board consideration.
 - ii. **Ethics Code Revisions** – The Board discussed the actions being taken by the American Psychological Association in considering changes to their model Ethics Code for Psychologists. Ms. Monic explained that the Board has promulgated the Ethics Code for its licensees in the LAC:46:LXIII Chapter 13 and if changes are adopted by APA, the Board would have to engage in rulemaking to also adopt those changes. Following discussion, the Board agreed it would actively monitor this situation.
Action: Monitor
 - iii. **Program Competency Issues-** The Board briefly discussed the changes to APA’s accrediting standards related to how programs assess competency. Dr. Moore reported that these changes were already addressed in the current proposed rules.
 - iv. **Examination Issues: Assessing Competence/EPPP/EPPP2 or other option vs. Oral Examination** – The Board discussed this topic, and considered the information learned in the presentation today by Dr. Marianne Atwell-Burnetti, Dr. Matthew Turner and Dr. Hao Song. Dr. Holcomb stated he still had questions pertaining to implementation, test validity, Dr. Harness had

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questions about admission and score transfer. Dr. Harness also stated that she believed that part 2 of the EPPP would be an option for replacing the Oral Examination. Dr. Gormanous requested that outstanding or unanswered questions be sent to Ms. Monic to compile, and the Board could follow up with ASPPB representatives to get them answered. Dr. Holcomb floated the idea of a phase-out approach. Dr. Sam was concerned about a motion including a phase-out approach due to concerns about impacts on the licensure of currently licensed individuals who have not taken the EPPP Part 2 being able to become licensed in Louisiana at a later date. Following opportunity for discussion, Mr. McNeely moved that the Board adopt the EPPP (Part 2) in place of the Oral Examination by 2026; further that such steps should include but not be limited to legislative changes and appropriate engagement with persons and entities; further that staff be empowered to begin reviewing the regulations and statutes that will be impacted for proper implementation. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by majority roll-call vote as follows: In favor: (4) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, and Harness; Against: (2) Sam and Holcomb; Abstained: (0); Absent: (0)

Action: Monic & Gormanous organize workgroup to begin compiling data for Board consideration.

- v. **Rule Changes and the “Great Cliff” in psychology education: Continued use of Specialties vs HSP/General Applied** – The Board discussed the continued use of specialties, how specialties are currently assess in an Oral Exam, and the decision today by the Board to adopt the EPPP (Pt.2) to replace the Oral Examination by 2026. Dr. Moore moved to charge the SPP committee with reviewing statutory and regulatory changes that would need to be made to drop specialty titles, including Clinical Neuropsychology, and bring recommendations back to the board. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Gormanous, Moore, McNeely, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0)

Mr. McNeely left the meeting, the Board continued with a quorum.

Action: SPP Committee Members (Moore and Sam) research the continued use of Specialties, models for licensure and credentialing, impacts of dropping board recognized specialties. Docket SPP Committee Meeting to discuss and finalize a recommendation to bring to the Board.

- vi. **Open discussion for consideration of other emerging issues** – No other topics were brought up for discussion.

Dr. Holcomb moved to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Following opportunity for discussion, The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (5) Gormanous, Moore, Harness, Sam and Holcomb; Against (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) McNeely.

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.

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