

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

Friday, June 21, 2024

Final Approved July 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 and other matters that required board decisions prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The final agenda was posted and emailed to individuals and the news media who have requested to receive notices of LSBEP meetings on March 13, 2024. 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

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Dr. Michelle Moore, Dr. Shannae Harness, Dr. T. Shavaun Sam, Dr. Shawanda Woods-Smith

Board Members Absent: Dr. Matthew Holcomb,

Staff Present: Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic

In-person Attendees: Courtney P. Newton, No. 29373

Zoom Attendees: Ryan Cooper, Jamie Frank, Kim VanGeffen

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of members being present, the Board Chairperson, Dr. Michelle Moore, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 21, 2024

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. Moore moved to approve the agenda with a correction to item 5.d. “Robert Ray Cooper, Ph.D.” the Candidate’s name is “Ryan Ray Cooper, Ph.D.”. The motion to approve the agenda passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Sam, and Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Holcomb.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Harness moved to enter Executive Session to discuss Oral Examinations conducted by LSBEP examiners per LA R.S. 42.17.A.1. The motion passed unanimously.

During Executive Session, the Committee discussed the Oral Examinations, licensing credentials, and recommendations of the following:

1. Kristin Weaver Samuelson, Ph.D.
2. James Byron Currin, Ph.D.

3. Maria D. Vazquez, Ph.D.
4. Ryan Ray Cooper, Ph.D.
5. Amy Elizabeth Latta, Ph.D.
6. Jamie Rose Frank, Ph.D.
7. Adrienne Miscimarra Sprouse, Psy.D.
8. Kathryn Amanda Simon, Ph.D.

Dr. Moore moved to exit Executive Session and enter open meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN MEETING

1. **Kristin Weaver Samuelson, Ph.D.** appeared at 9:00 a.m. on June 21, 2024, before Examining Board Members Dr. Moore and Dr. Woods-Smith for licensure via reciprocity. Finding that **Dr. Samuelson** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that the Board grant **Dr. Samuelson** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in clinical psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Sam, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Holcomb.
2. **James Byron Currin, Ph.D.** appeared at 9:00 a.m. on June 21, 2024, before Examining Board Members Dr. Harness and Dr. Sam for licensure via reciprocity. Finding that **Dr. Currin** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Harness moved that the Board grant **Dr. Currin** a license to practice psychology with a non-registered specialty. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Sam, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Holcomb.
3. **Maria D. Vazquez, Ph.D.**, Provisional License No. 1681PL, appeared at 9:30 a.m. on June 21, 2024, for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Dr. Moore and Dr. Woods-Smith. Finding that **Dr. Vazquez** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Moore moved that the Board grant **Dr. Vazquez** a license to practice psychology with a no-declared specialty. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Sam, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Holcomb.
4. **Ryan Ray Cooper, Ph.D.** appeared at 9:30 a.m. on June 21, 2024, for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Dr. Sam and Dr. Harness. Finding that **Dr. Cooper** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Sam moved that the Board grant **Dr. Cooper** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in clinical psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Sam, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Holcomb.
5. **Amy Elizabeth Latta, Ph.D.** appeared at 10:30 a.m. on June 21, 2024, for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Dr. Woods-Smith and Dr. Moore. Finding that **Dr. Latta** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Latta** a license to practice psychology with a no declared specialty. The Board discussed this motion.

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Sam, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Holcomb.

6. **Jamie Rose Frank, Ph.D.** appeared at 10:30 a.m. on June 21, 2024, for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Dr. Harness and Dr. Sam. Finding that **Dr. Frank** had not successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Harness moved that the Board continue to the oral examination of **Dr. Frank** within six months. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Sam, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Holcomb.
7. **Adrienne Miscimarra Sprouse, Psy.D.** appeared at 12:30 p.m. on June 21, 2024, for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Dr. Woods-Smith and Dr. Moore. Finding that **Dr. Sprouse** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Sprouse** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in clinical psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Sam, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Holcomb.
8. **Kathryn Amanda Simon, Ph.D.** appeared at 12:30 p.m. on June 21, 2024, for an Oral Examination for Licensure before Examining Board Members: Dr. Harness and Dr. Sam. Finding that **Dr. Simon** has successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Harness moved that the Board grant **Dr. Simon** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in clinical psychology. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Harness, Sam, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (1) Moore; Absent: (1) Holcomb.

All business being completed, Dr. Sam moved to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Moore, Harness, Sam, Woods-Smith; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Holcomb.

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.