

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

**Friday, September 20, 2024
FINAL APPROVED: October 18, 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 September 18, 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. T. Shavaun Sam, Dr. Shawanda Woods-Smith, Dr. Matthew Holcomb, Dr. Michelle Moore

Board Members Absent: Dr. Shannae Harness

Staff Present: Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic; Executive Counsel/Prosecuting Attorney, Courtney P. Newton, No. 29373

In-person Guest Attendees: None

Zoom Guest Attendees: Katherine Lantier, Halley Blanchard, Kristen Hollas Jamie Leavey, Joy T. Bui

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of members being present, the Board Vice-Chairperson, Dr. T. Shavaun Sam, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2024

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE: Dr. Sam 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. Sam requested a correction to the spelling of Dr. Halley Blanchard’s first name, on the agenda as “Hailey”. Dr. Holcomb moved to approve the agenda with corrections. Following opportunity for discussion, Dr. Sam called a roll call vote. The motion to approve the agenda passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Sam, Woods-Smith, Holcomb, Moore; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Harness.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dr. Moore moved to enter Executive Session to discuss Oral Examinations conducted by LSBEP examiners per LA R.S. 42.17.A.(1), discussion of the character, professional competence, of physical or mental health of a person. Dr. Sam opened the matter for discussion and then called for a roll call vote. The motion to enter into executive session passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Sam, Woods-Smith, Holcomb, Moore; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Harness.

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

- i. Demietrice Pittman, Ph.D. [Clinical]
- ii. Joy Bui, Psy.D. [Clinical]

- iii. Kaitlyn Catanzarite, Psy.D. [Non-Registered] (Provisional License 1715PL)
- iv. Kristen Hollas, Ph.D. [Clinical] (Provisional License 1704PL)
- v. Alyssa Scurria, Psy.D. [Clinical] (Provisional License 1709PL)
- vi. Katherine Lantier, Ph.D. [Non-Registered] (Provisional License 1708PL)
- vii. Halley Blanchard, Ph.D. [Non-Registered]
- viii. Allison Smith, Ph.D. [Clinical]
- ix. Jamie Leavey, Psy.D. [Clinical] (Provisional License 1695PL)

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

OPEN MEETING

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

1. Consider Licensing Recommendations following Executive Session.

- i. **Demietrice Pittman, Ph.D.** appeared before Examining Board Members Dr. Sam and Dr. Holcomb, for an Oral Examination for Licensure at 9:00 a.m. on September 20, 2024. Finding that **Dr. Pittman** successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Holcomb moved that the Board grant **Dr. Pittman** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in clinical psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Sam, Woods-Smith, Holcomb, Moore; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Harness.
- ii. **Joy Bui, Psy.D.** appeared before Examining Board Members Dr. Sam and Dr. Woods-Smith for an Oral Examination for Licensure at 10:00 a.m. on September 20, 2024. Finding that **Dr. Bui** successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Sam moved that the Board grant **Dr. Bui** a license to practice psychology with a with a registered specialty in clinical psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Sam, Woods-Smith, Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (1) Moore; Absent: (1) Harness.
- iii. **Kaitlyn Catanzarite, Psy.D.** appeared before Examining Board Members Dr. Holcomb and Dr. Woods-Smith for an Oral Examination for Licensure at 11:00 a.m. on September 20, 2024. Finding that **Dr. Catanzarite** successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Holcomb moved that the Board grant **Dr. Catanzarite** a license to practice psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (3) Sam, Woods-Smith, Holcomb; Against: (0); Abstained: (1) Moore; Absent: (1) Harness.
- iv. **Kristen Hollas, Ph.D.** appeared before Examining Board Members Dr. Moore and Dr. Woods-Smith, for an Oral Examination for Licensure at 12:00 p.m. on September 20, 2024. Finding that **Dr. Hollas** successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Hollas** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in clinical psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Sam, Woods-Smith, Holcomb, Moore; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Harness.
- v. **Alyssa Scurria, Psy.D.** appeared before Examining Board Members Dr. Sam and Dr. Holcomb, for an Oral Examination for Licensure at 12:00 p.m. on September 20, 2024. Finding that **Dr. Scurria** successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Sam moved that the Board grant **Dr Scurria** a license to practice psychology with a registered

specialty in clinical psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Sam, Woods-Smith, Holcomb, Moore; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Harness.

- vi. **Katherine Lantier, Ph.D.** appeared before Examining Board Members Dr. Moore and Dr. Woods-Smith, for an Oral Examination for Licensure at 1:00 p.m. on September 20, 2024. Finding that **Dr. Lantier** successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Lantier** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in clinical psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Sam, Woods-Smith, Holcomb, Moore; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Harness.
- vii. **Halley Blanchard, Ph.D.** appeared before Examining Board Members Dr. Sam and Dr. Holcomb, for an Oral Examination for Licensure at 1:00 p.m. on September 20, 2024. Finding that **Dr. Blanchard** successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Holcomb moved that the Board grant **Dr. Blanchard** a license to practice psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Sam, Woods-Smith, Holcomb, Moore; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Harness.
- viii. **Allison Smith, Ph.D.** appeared before Examining Board Members Dr. Moore and Dr. Woods-Smith, for an Oral Examination for Licensure at 2:00 p.m. on September 20, 2024. Finding that **Dr. Smith** successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Woods-Smith moved that the Board grant **Dr. Smith** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in clinical psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Sam, Woods-Smith, Holcomb, Moore; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Harness.
- ix. **Jamie Leavey, Psy.D.** appeared before Examining Board Members Dr. Sam and Dr. Holcomb, for an Oral Examination for Licensure at 2:00 p.m. on September 20, 2024. Finding that **Dr. Leavey** successfully completed the requirements for licensure, Dr. Holcomb moved that the Board grant **Dr. Leavey** a license to practice psychology with a registered specialty in clinical psychology. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: In favor: (4) Sam, Woods-Smith, Holcomb, Moore; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Harness.

All business being completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

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.