

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2010

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday, November 12, 2010, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Joseph Comaty, Tony Young, Rita Culross, and Lee Matthews; and, Executive Director, Jaime Monic. Absent from the meeting was Dr. John Courtney.

Dr. Matthews moved to accept the minutes of October 20, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Young moved to enter Executive Session to conduct file reviews and oral examinations pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1(4). The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows Comaty – yea, Young – yea, Culross – yea and Matthews - yea

Dr. Young moved to close Executive Session to enter the following:

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- The Board reviewed the response to its letter of September 2, 2010 from Attorney Lieberman. The Board agreed that the solutions proposed by Mr. Lieberman adequately addressed its concerns, and that with the church's continued cooperation in following through on those solutions, considered the matter resolved.

Avery Buras, Ph.D. – The Board, after meeting with Dr. Buras and by recommendation of Dr. Young, found that he had successfully complied with all aspects of the Impaired Psychologist Procedure Agreement (IPPA) and determined that the need for ongoing monitoring is no longer warranted. As a result, the agreement was terminated and is matter was closed.

Miriam McCaa Tighe, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Young, Culross and Matthews for an oral examination to reinstate her license #937. Dr. Culross moved that the Board reinstate Dr. Tighe's license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Jeffrey S. Lawley, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Young, Culross and Matthews for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Young moved that the Board grant Dr. Lawley a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Danielle A. Weiss, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Young, Culross and Matthews for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Matthews moved that the Board grant Dr. Weiss a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in School Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Tiffany A. Jennings, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Young, Culross and Matthews for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Matthews moved that the Board grant Dr. Jennings a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Neuropsychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Samuel Shaw Dutton, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Young, Culross and Matthews for licensure via Certificate of Professional Qualifications. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant Dr. Dutton a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

The Supervision/Credentials Committee conducted file reviews and made recommendations as follows:

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Eban J. Walters, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Walters and invite him to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Matthews, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Jannis Moody-Long, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Moody-Long and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Brian M. Esteve, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Esteve and invite him to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young, upon review of the application for reinstatement of license for **Margaret J. Hauck, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board invite Dr. Hauck to sit for the oral examination for reinstatement. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young, upon review of the application for reinstatement of license for **Curtis M. Vincent, Ph.D.**, moved that the Board reinstate Dr. Vincent's license #318. The Board approved this motion by majority roll call vote as follows: Comaty – yea, Young – yea, Culross – no, and Matthews – yea

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Timothy F. Branaman, Ph.D.**, moved that Dr. Branaman be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective November 12, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Dale Glenn Watson, Ph.D.**, moved that Dr. Watson be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective November 12, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Marc Alan Quillen, Ph.D.**, moved that Dr. Quillen be denied because the nature of the services and duration of practice requested are not appropriate for temporary practice under LA R.S. 37:2365.D. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: The Board reviewed the Financial Statements from August and September 2010 prepared by Ouida Nugent, CPA.

Ad hoc Committee: Behavioral Health Professionals Working Group (BHPWG) Representatives: Drs. Young and Comaty provided the October 29, 2010 Minutes of the BHPWG and reported that the next meeting date is scheduled for November 17, 2010.

Continuing Education: Dr. Comaty reported that the Board purchased an annual subscription to Survey Monkey for \$200 for unlimited use. An administrative survey was deployed on holding a regular meeting and workshop in Shreveport, LA for the month of January prior to investing the funds to arrange the event.

There was no report from the following committees: **Oral Examination Committee; Legislative Coordinator; Continuing Education; Supervision/Credentials Review; Long Range Planning/Awards Ceremony; or Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards.**

Discussion Items:

Assessing Competence – After reviewing the “*Report of the ASPPB Task Force on Maintenance of Competence and Licensure (MOCAL)*” Dr. Young accepted the task of creating a draft for piloting a new “Assessment of Continuing Competencies” for review at the Long Range Planning Meeting in January. The Board set a goal to pilot the new assessments by the 2011 Renewal season.

LSBEP/LSBME Memorandum of Understanding – The Board reviewed a revised draft of the Memorandum of Understanding between the LSBEP and LSBME. Dr. Young moved to approve the MOU and authorize Ms. Monic to execute the agreement on behalf of the LSBEP. The motion unanimously passed.

Telepsychology – The Board reviewed inquiries from Drs. James D. Herbert, Evan M. Forman and M. Hunter Hansen regarding Telepsychology. Ms. Monic was directed to respond in accordance with the Board’s previous opinions regarding Telepsychology that in any case involving the practice of ‘*telepsychology*’, in order to lawfully provide psychological services in Louisiana or advertise that one is qualified to do so, licensure under the jurisdiction of the LSBEP is required and necessary in order for the Board to carry out its duty to protect the people of this state against unauthorized, unqualified, and improper application of psychology. Additionally, the Board considers the location of the patient/client as the point of service, and would not favor the practice of telepsychology without a previously established, in person and face to face, patient/client relationship.

LAC: Title 46, Part XLV, Medical Psychologists – Ms. Monic reported that LSBME had published its Notice of Intent to promulgate rules pertaining to the practice of Medical Psychologists in the October 20, 2010 LA Register. The Board agreed that it would continue working with the LSBME to clarify LAC, Title 46, Part XLV, Subpart 3, Ch 72, Subchapter A, §7207.A.3.

Board Meeting: January 21, 2010, Shreveport, LA –The Board was provided with a copy of the survey conducted on Survey Monkey regarding holding a regular meeting and continuing education workshop for licensees. Due to non-favorable results, this endeavor was cancelled and the Board agreed instead to meet at the Board Office to conduct Long Range Planning for the month of January.

ASPPB Mid Winter Meeting, Orlando, FL – Dr. Comaty requested that Members notice their interest in attending the ASPPB Mid Winter meeting, due to limited hotel accommodations, so that arrangements may be made early. Ms. Monic explained that travel would exceed the annual budgeted amount, however the Board has the funds available to attend the meeting. Drs. Comaty, Young and Matthews expressed their interest in attending. Dr. Culross will not be available to attend.

4:30 p.m. Adjourn