

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 24, 2018

FINAL APPROVED: 10/26/2018

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on, Friday, September 21, 2018. Dr. Jesse Lambert called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Jesse Lambert, Koren Boggs, Amy Henke, and Leah Crouch; Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic; and Attorney Courtney P. Newton. Dr. Gregory Gormanous was absent from this meeting.

Dr. Lambert opened the meeting by reading the Board's Declaration of Purpose.

Dr. Henke moved to approve the agenda for the day. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

The Board reviewed and discussed the meeting minutes from August 24, 2018. Dr. Henke moved to approve the minutes of August 24, 2018. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Crouch– YEA, Henke – YEA.

Dr. Boggs moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:17.A(4) to conduct oral examinations. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

By motion of Dr. Henke, the Board unanimously agreed to close executive session to enter the following into the record:

ORAL EXAMINATIONS [LSA-R.S. 42.16.1]:

Danielle N. Newman, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Counseling Psychology. Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Newman** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

Matthew Calamia, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Lambert and Crouch for an oral examination for respecialization in Clinical Neuropsychology. Dr. Lambert moved that **Dr. Calamia** be granted an additional specialization in Clinical Neuropsychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

Irving Arevalo, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Crouch and Lambert for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Neuropsychology. Dr. Crouch moved that **Dr. Arevalo** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical

Neuropsychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

Arika D. Wadley, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Boggs moved that **Dr. Wadley** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Board received the following committee reports:

Executive Director Report – Ms. Monic reported the following:

- The LA Supreme Court, Application of Eric Cerwonka for a Writ of Certiorari Directed to the to the First Circuit Court of Appeal, Docket No. 2017 CA 1199 was *denied*.
- Registration and travel arrangements had been made for herself and Dr. Henke to attend the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association will be held October 17-21, 2018 at The Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Gormanous also advised that he would attend at his own expense.
- The proposed rules to amend the LAC Title, 46, Part LXIII Chapters 6,8,9, 40 related to continuing education and Chapters 1, 3, 7, 10 and 17 related to neuropsychology requirements.
- Call for Nominations for the 2019-2024 board seat will be sent on October 1, 2018.
- Valerie Dominique, CPA will present at the October 26, 2018 board meeting to review financial standing/budgeting.
- Renewal Status
OPENING: LP – 762, LSSP – 21, PL – 10
LAPSED: LP – 38, LSSP – 2, PL – 1
FINAL: LP – 734, LSSP – 19, PL - 9
(OF THE 734 LP'S RENEWING 673 in full-time practice, and 61 retired).
- Ms. Monic requested and the board affirmed her authority as fleet manager.

Finance Committee Report - Dr. Lambert reported that he reviewed and approved Leave Reports for Ms. Monic. The Board reviewed and by motion of Dr. Boggs accepted the Financial Statements for August 2018 prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA.

Oral Examination Committee Report – Dr. Boggs reported 4 oral examinations were scheduled for today.

Supervision/Credentials Review – Dr. Crouch reported file reviews will be conducted and discussed in executive session.

Complaints Committee: -

1. P17-18-04C – Status/Docket for Hearing/Request for Board Member Conflict Statements (CPN) – The board was presented with conflict of interest statements in the matter P18-18-04C. After reviewing the conflict of interest statements, Dr. Jesse Lambert recused himself from this

matter. With one board member recusing and one board member (Dr. Gormanous) absent, the board did not have a majority to proceed further in docketing the matter for hearing. Therefore, this item was tabled until October 26, 2018.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards Report – No report.

Continuing Professional Development Committee – No report.

Long Range Planning/Awards Committee – No report.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee – Dr. Boggs reported that the committee continues to review discuss the development of an online jurisprudence exam.

Legislative Oversight Committee Report – No report.

Due to time constraints, Board member training on Hearing, Deliberation, Findings of Fact and Order by attorney Courtney P. Newton was postponed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION [LSA R.S. 42.16]:

With no public members presenting, Dr. Boggs moved to take the agenda out of order and reenter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:17.A(4) and LSA R.S.42:17.A(1) to review complaint matters and conduct file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA.

By motion of Dr. Henke, the Board unanimously agreed to close executive session to enter the following into the record:

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

1. In the matter filed by CP on 5/15/2018 – Dr. Henke reported no updates regarding this matter.

2. Discuss Consolidation of P16-17-14C and P17-18-11C – In accordance with La. R.S. 46:906.A., in order to avoid ex parte consultations and in order to preserve the impartiality of board members eligible to serve on future hearing panels in this matter, Dr. Leah Crouch recused from and was not present for any discussion of this matter. Dr. Gregory Gormanous was not present for this meeting. The Board members present representing a quorum (Drs. Lambert, Boggs and Henke) consulted with Attorney Courtney P. Newton regarding consolidating these matters. Dr. Boggs moved in favor of proceeding in consolidating these cases. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present for discussion: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA.

SUPERVISION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: APPLICANT/LICENSE
FILE REVIEWS [LSA-R.S. 42.17.A(1)]

1. Application file reviews:

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the completed Application for Provisional Licensure for **Lisa A. Gallagher** to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and approve her for a Provisional License. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Frances Ernst, Psy.D., Provisional License #1482**, to the Board with a motion to invite Dr. Ernst to take the Oral Examination to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Frank H. Pittinger, Ph.D., Provisional License #1459**, to the Board with a motion to invite Dr. Pittinger to take the Oral Examination to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Lee A. Annotti, Ph.D.**, to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status invite Dr. Annotti to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Hillary C. Becker, Psy.D.**, to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status invite Dr. Becker to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Sean I. Gibbs, Psy.D.** to the Board with a motion to approve the applicants Candidacy status invite Dr. Gibbs to take the national Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP). The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed the Temporary Registration of **Gregory DeClue, Ph.D.** (Florida). Dr. Crouch, finding the requirements for Temporary Registration had been met, recommended the Board approve **Dr. DeClue's** registration pending receipt of passing jurisprudence examination. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed the Temporary Registration of **Bethany Hansen, Ph.D.** (Nevada). Dr. Crouch, finding the requirements for Temporary Registration had been met, recommended the Board approve **Dr. Hansen's** registration pending the receipt of passing jurisprudence examination. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reported that she reviewed and approved Supervised Practice Plan(s) for Danielle N. Moyer, Ph.D.

The board affirmed the reinstatement of Dr. Alicia Pellegrin's license as approved by Dr. Amy Henke effective August 1, 2018.

2. Renewal Application and Continuing Professional Development Extension

Applications – The Board was provided with redacted information related to the renewal and request for extension to complete continuing education requirements of a licensee claiming extenuating circumstances surrounding his failure to complete required CPD activities timely, which circumstances required board review for approval. Upon receipt, Dr. Lambert reported that he recognized the circumstances as relating to someone he had prior knowledge of and recusing himself from the matter. Dr. Gregory Gormanous was absent from the meeting. Without a majority of the board present for a decision, which decision may be adverse to the licensee, this matter was tabled until October 26, 2018.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Office Lease: Moving Expenses – Ms. Monic reported that the renovations had begun and inspections were scheduled for the new office space. With moving expenses anticipated and the need to purchase a larger board meeting table and chairs to accommodate the new public member and other meeting attendees and moving services, Ms. Monic requested a budget not to exceed \$5,000 for such items. Dr. Henke moved in favor of approving expenditures deemed necessary by Ms. Monic for moving expenses including furniture, appliances, moving services and miscellaneous installation fees. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Expedited Military Application- Dr. Boggs reported that she is reviewing military application forms and processes but had no updates to discuss.
3. LSBME Memorandum of Understanding – Due to time constraints the board did not have time for discussion of this matter. However, Ms. Monic did give an overview of this topic being on the agenda, due to prohibited information sharing of investigative information related to mutual licensees, not just among Medical Psychologists, but also related professions where we share mutual licensees.
4. Rulemaking 2018-19 – The Board discussed 2018-19 Rulemaking initiatives as follows:
 - a. Telepsychology – Draft not completed.
 - b. Chapter 15. Rules for Disciplinary Actions – The Board was provided with a draft of the revisions proposed by the AdHoc Complaints Committee.
 - c. Reciprocity Applications – Ms. Monic reported that rule changes are needed prior to moving forward with requiring additional application material from reciprocity applicants.
5. Audit Procedures 2018 – Due to time constraints, this agenda item was tabled to October 26, 2018.

6. Policy and Procedures – The Board was provided with a draft of the amendments and additions they approved to the following policy: Accounting: Section 2000; Board Structure: Section 1013; Media/Public Information Policy: Section 8000; and Emergency Operation Policy: Section 5000.

7. 2018-19 Board Meeting Dates - This item was tabled until all board members are present to schedule future meetings.

Dr. Boggs moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. in order to attend the Civil Law Training presented by the Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General Jeff Landry which presentations include: Dual Officeholding, Open Meetings, North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. FTC, Attorney General Opinion Policy, and Public Records. The motion passed unanimously.