

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2010

The meeting of the *Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board)* was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday May 14 2010, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Jillandra Rovaris, Joseph Comaty, John C. Courtney, Tony Young, Complaints Coordinator, C. Gary Pettigrew, Ph.D., and Executive Director, Jaime Monic. Dr. John Simoneaux was absent.

Dr. Courtney moved to enter Executive Session to review complaints, 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 Rovaris - yea, Comaty – yea, Courtney – yea, and Young - yea.

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

The Board received information from the LPC Board of Examiners in the matters **NP06-07-07P** and **NP08-09-08B**.

LSBEP vs. CV – By motion of Dr. Courtney, this matter was remanded for investigation, which investigation shall remain open pending adjudication by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

P09-10-07C – Dr. Pettigrew presented this matter to the Board. After careful consideration, Dr. Young moved that the matter be closed with a letter of collegial advice. The motion passed unanimously.

Status: Bond vs. LSBEP – The Board received information that this matter had been heard before the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal on May 12, 2010, a final judgment has not yet been rendered.

Earnest Ellender, Ph.D. – appeared before Board members Rovaris, Comaty, Courtney and Young. Dr. Courtney moved that the oral examination of Dr. Ellender be continued in six months. The motion unanimously passed.

Joy L. Terrell, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Courtney, and Young for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Rovaris recused herself from this matter. Dr. Young moved that the Board grant Dr. Terrell a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in School Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Jennifer L. Vecchio, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Rovaris, Comaty, Courtney and Young for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant Dr. Vecchio a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Courtney requested to take the committee reports and discussion items out of order due to an appointment that will require him to leave early. The Board agreed.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

The Board reviewed March 2010 Financial Statements prepared by Ouida Nugent, CPA

The Board reviewed the contract with McGlenchey Stafford and discussed a new contract with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. The Board agreed to continue with McGlenchey Stafford as originally decided and utilize the services of Deborah Duplechen Harkins under that contract.

Long Range Planning Committee: Dr. Rovaris requested that Ms. Monic complete a draft of the LAC Title 46, Part LXIII. containing the revisions discussed at the Long Range Planning meeting for review at the June 2010 meeting.

There was no report from the following committees: **Legislative Coordinator; Oral Examination Committee, Complaints Committee; Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards or Continuing Education Committee**

Discussion Items:

Rex LeBlanc – Upon review of Dr. LeBlanc’s request to reinstate his license to emeritus status. Dr. Comaty moved that the Board reinstate Dr. LeBlanc’s request upon receipt of the required reinstatement fee and that a detailed letter outlining the requirements of such reinstatement be sent to Dr. LeBlanc. The motion unanimously passed.

Psychology Times – The Board reviewed the email correspondence between Dr. Comaty and Psychologist/Editor of the *Psychology Times* newsletter, Julie Nelson. Concerns regarding interactions with Dr. Nelson were discussed.

SB213/HB 742 – The Board reviewed and discussed the email from LPC Attorney Dickie Patterson regarding the proposed amendments to SB 213. By motion of Dr. Courtney, the Board unanimously agreed to reply to Mr. Patterson and reiterate our position and willingness to meet with the LPC Board to discuss specific and additional language that identifies, *with considerable clarity*, those activities that are to be included in the practice act for the LPC’s that simultaneously allow the consumers to easily discriminate LPCs from the other mental health disciplines and/or exclusionary language that identifies those specific practices that are outside of the boundaries of competence for the LPC.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

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

Melanie Wheeler, Ph.D. Dr. Tony Young recused himself from this review, as a result the matter was tabled because a majority was not available for a decision.

Carol Freeman, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed the petition of Dr. Freeman to consider her application for licensure. Dr. Comaty moved that upon meeting the minimum requirements for licensure, due to the lack of work experience and the duration of time away from her original training experiences, Dr. Freeman would be required to also submit documentation of additional training and supervision in the area of Clinical Psychology to include a minimum of 6 months full-time supervised practice experience, prior to being approved for an invitation to the oral and jurisprudence examinations for licensure.

Philip Stahl, Ph.D.– The Temporary Registration of **Dr. Stahl**, a psychologist licensed in the state of Arizona was reviewed. Dr. Comaty moved that **Dr. Stahl** be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective June 28, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Young, upon review of the petition for Emeritus Status and licensure file of **Earl W. Capron, Ph.D.** recommended that the Board grant **Dr. Capron’s** request for Emeritus Status. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the petition for Emeritus Status and licensure file of **George Hearn, Ph.D.** recommended that the Board grant **Dr. Hearn’s** request for Emeritus Status. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

At 5:00 p.m. Dr. Young moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.