

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2017

Final Approved: August 25, 2017

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, July 26, 2017. Dr. Phillip Griffin, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017 at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Phillip Griffin, Koren Boggs, Jesse Lambert, Amy Henke; and, Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic. Dr. Leah Crouch was absent. Dr. Sasha J. Lambert and Attorney Courtney Newton were present for part of the meeting to present and discuss complaint matters in Executive Session.

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

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

The Board reviewed and discussed the meeting minutes from June 16, 2017 and July 7, 2017. Dr. Henke moved to approve the minutes of June 16, 2017 and July 7, 2017 as discussed. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Membership Election for Chair and Vice Chair of the LSBEP - Dr. Henke nominated Dr. Griffin to serve as Chair of the LSBEP. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA. Dr. Boggs nominated Dr. Lambert to serve as Vice Chair of the LSBEP. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Dr. Griffin appointed the following committees:

Finance Committee:

Dr. Griffin, Dr. Lambert

Complaints Committee:

Dr. Griffin, Dr. Lambert

Long Range Planning Committee:

Dr. Griffin, Dr. Crouch

Legislative Oversight Committee:

Dr. Griffin, Dr. Lambert

Supervision & Credentials Review:

Dr. Lambert, Dr. Henke

LABA Liaison:

Dr. Lambert

Oral Examination Committee:

Dr. Boggs, Dr. Henke

Liaison Professional Organizations/Boards:

Dr. Griffin, Dr. Boggs

Jurisprudence Exam Committee:

Dr. Boggs, Henke

Continuing Professional Development Committee:

Dr. Henke, Dr. Crouch

Dr. Lambert moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1, to review complaints, conduct oral examinations and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Dr. Lambert moved to close executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board opened the meeting to the public at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Kim VanGeffen, LPA Liaison to the LSBEP, and Thomas Hannie, Ph.D. were present for the open meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Board received the following committee reports:

Executive Director Report – Ms. Monic reported on 2017 Renewals. There were currently 23 licensed psychologists and 1 provisionally licensed psychologist who had notified the board that they would not be renewing their license. Additionally, as of Friday, July 28, 2017 there were 4 LSSP's and 56 licensed psychologists who had not processed a renewal. Renewals close at midnight on July 31, 2017. Ms. Monic also noted there were 13 applicants who would be eligible for an oral examination in August. The Board discussed scheduling and agreed to schedule all for August 25, 2017.

Finance Committee Report

Dr. Griffin reported that he reviewed and approved Leave Reports for Ms. Monic.

Dr. Griffin reported that he reviewed and approved Bank Reconciliations prepared by Ms. Monic from June 2017. Ms. Monic reported that Financial Statements for June 2017 had not been received, as the Board's CPA was on vacation out of the country.

Oral Examination Committee Report –Dr. Boggs reported 3 Oral Examinations were conducted this day as follows:

Kim M. Zweifler, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin and Lambert for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Lambert moved that the Board grant **Dr. Zweifler** 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: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Larry D. Vaught, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Boggs and Henke for oral examination for licensure in School Psychology. Dr. Henke moved that the Board grant **Dr. Vaught** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in School Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Norma J. Charles, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin, Lambert, Boggs and Henke for oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant **Dr. Charles** 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: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee – No Report

Legislative Oversight Committee Report – No Report

Supervision/Credentials Review - Dr. Boggs reported that file reviews had not been concluded and the Board would return to Executive Session after the Public portion of the meeting to complete its reviews and report on the outcome.

Complaints Committee: - The following cases were reviewed by the Board in executive session:

1. **AD vs. ST** – Ms. Monic presented this complaint to the Board after follow up with additional correspondence in this matter. The Board thoroughly discussed this matter and by motion of Dr. Jesse Lambert, the Board voted to close the matter without further action. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.
2. **MK vs KL** – Dr. Sasha Lambert presented this complaint and recommendation to dismiss. The Board thoroughly discussed the case. Dr. Jesse Lambert moved to accept the recommendation of Dr. Sasha Lambert and close the matter without further action. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.
3. **P16-17-13C** – This matter was not finalized therefore was not presented to the Board.
4. **P16-17-06C** – Dr. Sasha Lambert and Attorney Courtney Newton presented this matter to the Board. The Board thoroughly discussed the matter in conjunction with a Consent Order proposed as an informal resolution for this case. By motion of Dr. Lambert, the Board approved the Consent Order reprimanding the license of Carrie E. Watkins-Emonet, Ph.D., No. 1162, alleging violations of LA R.S. 37:2359.B(2) and APA Ethical Standard 3.12 and 10.10(c).

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards Report - No report.

Continuing Professional Development Committee – Dr. Henke reported that she had completed several CPD reviews for paper renewals. Nothing notable reported from those reviews.

Long Range Planning/Awards Committee - The Board discussed potential topics for the LRP Agenda. Dr. Griffin requested adding a discussion item for Oral Examinations. Selection of a date and venue were tabled until August 2017.

LBAB Liaison – No report.

Dr. Jesse Lambert excused himself from the meeting and was not present for discussion items.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. **Rule Development:** The Board discussed rule development related to administrative and practice initiatives. Dr. Griffin requested the items be added to the Long Range Planning agenda and assigned the responsibility for review and development as follows:

- a. Emeritus Status Rule – *Griffin, Henke and Monic*
- b. Defining Provisional License, Scope and Limitations - *Griffin*
- c. Inactive License Status - *All*
- d. LSBEP Review and Approval of Continuing Professional Development - *All*
- e. Masters Level License - *Henke*
- f. Registration of Assistants to Psychologists – *Griffin*

2. **Audit for Reciprocity requirements with ASPPB, Certificate of Professional Qualifications and ABPP Diplomate** – Dr. Griffin requested this item be tabled until August, requesting all members review for discussion at that time. Dr. Boggs moved to affirm Dr. Griffin’s request. The motion passed without objection.

3. **Complaints Committee (Ad hoc Study Group)(JL)** – This matter was tabled until August 2017. Dr. Lambert was not present for Discussion.

4. **Nominee for Human Trafficking Commission Advisory Board** – The Board reviewed self-nominations for the Advisory Board to the Human Trafficking Commission. After review, Dr. Henke moved that the Board nominate Rafael F. Salcedo, Ph.D. to the commission noting his experience, work and commitment to the rehabilitation of survivors of adolescent human sex trafficking. The Board discussed the motion and unanimously approved the nomination of Dr. Salcedo to Advisory Board pursuant to Act 181 of the 2017 Regular Session.

5. **Proposal for Compilation Report for 2016-17FY** – The Board reviewed proposals for the 2016-17 Compilation Report. Dr. Boggs moved in favor of **Pinell & Martinez, LLC**, having submitted the lowest bid, positive recommendations and which firm is listed as an approved CPA by the LA Legislative Auditor.

6. **Legislative Audit Award for July 1, 2017 – September 30, 2019** – The Board reviewed the resume and contract awarded to William D. Mercer by the LA Legislative Auditor to conduct the annual audit of the LSBEP.

7. **Accounting Policy 2017-18 FY** – Ms. Monic requested the Board consider suspending the current accounting policy due to the layoff of the Administrative Assistant position, leaving her unable to facilitate the policy as it is currently written. The Board discussed this matter. Dr. Henke moved in favor of suspending any policy where duties required the Administrative Assistant to complete certain tasks. Such tasks will be performed by the Executive Director until the Administrative Assistant position could be filled. In the interim, Ms. Monic will obtain the

approval of the Board Chair prior to issuing payment on bills. The Board discussed the motion, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke - YEA.

8. **Board Sponsored Continuing Professional Development** - No update was provided on this topic, the prospect continues to be investigated.

9. **Dr. C. Alan Hopewell Inquiry RE Reinstatement Application** – The Board reviewed the request of Dr. Hopewell to waive the requirement for an oral examination before the Board, given his eligibility for licensure via reciprocity with Texas. The Board agreed without objection to waive the oral examination requirement, but not the face-to-face meeting as required under the terms for licensure via reciprocity.

10. **Dr. Addison Sandel Inquiry RE CE Exemption** – The Board reviewed a new request of Dr. Sandel to waive the continuing professional development (CPD) requirements, due to the fact that she had fully retired from the practice of psychology and will no longer practice after mid-August. The Board agreed without objection, to waive Dr. Sandel's CPD requirements and granted an extension of practice until **August 31, 2017**, in order to facilitate the completion of all outstanding reports, and with the firm understanding that she will no longer engage in the practice of psychology after this date.

11. **Request from Julie Nelson, Ph.D., Psychology Times for Board comment concerning Eric Cerwonka vs. LSBEP** – Ms. Monic presented the request of Dr. Nelson for comment to the Psychology Times on this topic as well as a more specific follow up request, to which Ms. Monic informed the Board that she provided the excerpt of the July 7, 2017 minutes which addressed her question. Without a specific question from Dr. Nelson, the Board agreed that it would not be proper to comment on this matter further, having previously formed a formal opinion and order in this case, and with the matter still in litigation. Dr. Hannie voiced concerns with the Board over the expense of appealing the decision of the 19th JDC and the basis of Dr. Cerwonka's appeal. The Board discussed Dr. Hannie's concerns.

Dr. Henke moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1, to complete file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Dr. Boggs moved to close executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reported the results of the file reviews conducted this date in Executive Session as follows:

FILE REVIEWS [LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]:

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Melissa L. Gonzales, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the

Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Allison Palmisano, Psy.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lambert reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Chad Lewing, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to request additional information to complete the application process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lambert reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Carolyn Barahona, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Thomas M. Hallinan, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Berre Burch, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure, pending receipt of additional required documentation. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lambert reviewed and presented the Application for License via Reciprocity via Certificate of Professional Qualifications **Peter M. Smith, Psy.D.**, noting that Dr. Smith has not taken an Oral Examination for licensure Dr. Lambert moved to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reviewed and presented the Application for License via Reciprocity (Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology) of **Christoph Harald Leonhard, Ph.D.**, noting that Dr. Leonhard has not taken an Oral Examination for licensure Dr. Boggs moved to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed and presented the Application for License via Reciprocity (Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology) of **Jonathan Edward Romain, Ph.D.**, with a motion to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take Jurisprudence Examination and a face-to-face meeting with the Board to complete the requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed and presented the Application for License via Reciprocity with Texas of **John Matthew Fabian, Psy.D.**, with a motion to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take Jurisprudence Examination and a face-to-face meeting with the Board to complete the requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed and presented the Application for License via Reciprocity (Certificate of Professional Qualifications) of **Michael R. Plumeri, Psy.D.**, with a motion to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take Jurisprudence Examination and a face-to-face meeting with the Board to complete the requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed and presented the Application for License via Reciprocity (Certificate of Professional Qualifications) of **James J. Morris, Ph.D.**, with a motion to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take Jurisprudence Examination and a face-to-face meeting with the Board to complete the requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lambert reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Reston N. Bell, Ph.D.** to the Board. Finding that Dr. Bell did not meet the qualifications for licensure, Dr. Henke moved to deny her Candidacy status. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and approved the Supervised Practice Plans of **James McAbee, Ph.D.** and **Hilary Adams, Ph.D.**

Dr. Boggs moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.