

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: June 21, 2013
APPROVED: July 5, 2013

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:35 a.m., **Friday, June 21, 2013**, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Lee Matthews, Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Dr. Kim VanGeffen, representative of Louisiana Psychological Association, was also in attendance during the Public Hour. Dr. Jessica Brown was also in attendance during the Public Hour.

Dr. Culross moved to accept the June 21, 2013 agenda. Dr. Culross moved that the minutes of May 10, 2013 be accepted..

Pursuant to **LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4)**, Dr. Matthews moved to enter Executive Session to review legal matters, conduct oral exams and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: Matthews –yay, Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay and Burnett-yay.

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

Complaint Review/Legal Matters: Closed Session (LSA-R.S. 42:6.1):

- a. **MD v. JL***: Dr. Pettigrew presented the Board with information and recommended dismissal of the action without a full investigation. The Board discussed the information and recommendation. Dr. Zimmermann moved to dismiss the matter with no further action warranted. The Board unanimously accepted the motion.
- b. **P12-13-04B***: Dr. Pettigrew presented the Investigator's Review and Recommendation to the Board for consideration. After careful review and discussion, Dr. Zimmermann moved to dismiss the matter since it was outside the statute of limitations. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **P12-13-15C***: Dr. Pettigrew presented the Investigator's Review and Recommendation to the Board for consideration. After careful review and discussion, Dr. Culross moved to dismiss the matter since it was outside the statute of limitations. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. **LSBEP v. JM(NP)**: Ms. Parker presented information to the Board regarding a non-psychologist performing psychological tests as a Masters level psychologist. The Board reviewed the information carefully and discussed the possible issues. Dr. Culross moved to issue a cease and desist letter to the respondent. Dr. Pettigrew agreed to review the letter for specific content. The Board passed the motion by roll call vote: Matthews-yay, Burnett-yay-, Zimmermann-yay, Culross-yay.
- e. **NP12-13-12B**: The Board reviewed the information provided by Ms. Parker. Dr. Pettigrew suggested Ms. Parker research the Board's complaint history for other company names associated with the same business.

Oral Examinations:

Sister Sarah Ducey Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination for reinstatement of her license. Dr. Culross moved that the Board reinstate **Dr. Ducey's** license to practice psychology with a specialty in Developmental Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Linda Seaver, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination for reinstatement of her license. Dr. Zimmermann moved that the Board reinstate **Dr. Seaver's** license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

Koren Boggs, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for continuation of her oral examination for a license. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant Dr. Bogg's a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously by majority vote.

Bruce McCormick, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination for an additional specialty in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Culross moved to grant Dr. McCormick the additional specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed by vote of the full board.

Massi H. Wyatt, Ph.D., CPQ reciprocity candidate, successfully passed the Jurisprudence examination and met with the full Board. Dr. Zimmermann grant Dr. Wyatt a general license to practice psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

Dr. Matthews reviewed the application for licensure files of **Valerie Bellas, Ph.D. and Jessica L. Walton, Ph.D.** Dr. Matthews moved to approve their **candidacy status** and invite them to take oral examinations. The Board discussed the file and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Matthews reviewed and recommended the Board grant Emeritus status to John W. Pickering, Ph.D. and William F. Waters, Ph.D. The motion passed by full vote of the Board.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed and recommended the Board grant Temporary Registration to **Robert John Porter, Ph.D.** The motion passed by full vote of the Board.

Dr. Culross reviewed and recommended acceptance of the Supervised Practice Plans of: **Rebecca E. Becker, Psy.D. and Daniene L. Neal, Ph.D.** The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed additional materials received regarding the Non-APA internship program of **Lauren M. Robinson, Psy.D.** Dr. Burnett recommended the Board accept the Non-APA internship program. After careful consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Parker presented the Board with February, March and April 2013 Financial Statements prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA. The Board reviewed and discussed the documents. Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the February, March and April 2013 Financial Statements. The motion passed by full vote of the Board.

Oral Examination Committee: No new report.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: No new report.

Legislative Oversight Committee: Ms. Parker reported that SB 134 had been signed by Governor Jindal as Act 351 of the 2013 Legislative Session. Ms. Parker also reported that nominees for BA Board members had been sent to the Governor's Office. Ms. Parker updated the Board regarding rule changes to Chapter 8, Chapter 9 and Chapter 10. The changes will be printed in the July 2013 Louisiana Register. The Board also discussed the possibility of requesting an Attorney General opinion regarding PEC admissions.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Dr. Zimmermann discussed concerns regarding the ASPPB EPassport. The Board directed Ms. Parker to submit comments to ASPPB.

Continuing Education: Ms. Parker presented the Board with information concerning the Louisiana Group Psychotherapy Society and the certificates issued for continuing education. The Board carefully discussed the information. The Board directed Ms. Parker to write a letter to the organization requesting clarification of the wording of the certificate so that it is not misleading or misinterpreted.

Complaints Committee: The Board reviewed the applicants for the Board Investigator position. Dr. Zimmermann moved to invite Mr. McCoy for a meeting with the Board. The motion passed by full vote of the Board. Dr. Matthews suggested the Board consider using Dr. Patterson as an expert consultant for the new investigator.

Long Range Planning Meeting: The following items were designated as Long Range Planning Meeting issues: EPassport, Telepsychology, and database updates. The Board discussed possibly having the Long Range Planning meeting in connection with the Awards Ceremony in November 2013.

Provisional License Task Force: Dr. Burnett reported regarding the Provisional Task Force meeting that was held on June 7, 2013.

School Specialist Task Force: Dr. Culross reported that the first meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 28th at 10 a.m.

Real Estate Workgroup: Ms. Parker updated the Board regarding the progress of the lease for 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. The anticipated move date, if the lease is accepted, is October 2013.

Digital Maintenance Workgroup: The Board directed Ms. Parker to seek a temporary worker for assistance with scanning office documents.

Case Vignette Workgroup: Ms. Parker reported that the following psychologists have volunteered for the Case Vignette Workgroup: Greg Gormanous, Ph.D., Joe Comaty, Ph.D.,MP, Thomas Hannie, Ph.D., and Janet Matthews, Ph.D.

Discussion Items:

1. **DSM 5:** The Board discussed the use of the DSV-IV compared to the DSM-5.
2. **2012-2013FY Contract: McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC:** Ms. Parker informed the Board that based on recent information received, the Board went over budget with legal-legislative fees with Ms. Harkins. Dr. Matthews directed Ms. Parker to pay the outstanding amount from the reserve legal fees that were not used. The motion passed by roll call vote: Matthews-yay, Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, and Burnett-yay.
3. **Future Board Meeting Dates:** The Board designated July 5, 2013 and August 16, 2013 as meeting dates. Dr. Culross suggested that meeting dates through the end of the year be established once new Board members are appointed.
4. **Yearly Review – Executive Director (LSA-R.S. 42:6.1):** The Board held the yearly review of the Executive Director. After careful consideration and discussion, the Board agreed to increase the Executive Director’s salary.

COMMENTS: Dr. Culross thanked Dr. Matthews for his service and dedication to the Board.

3:15 p.m. Adjourned.