

**Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES: November 9, 2012**  
**APPROVED: December 7, 2012**

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:50 a.m., **Friday, November 9, 2012**, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Lee Matthews, John Courtney, Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Dr. Kim Van Geffen, on behalf of the Louisiana Psychological Association, was in partial attendance and present for the public hour of the meeting. Also present for the public hour, was Cathy Wells from the Louisiana Senate Legal Affairs Division, and Julie Nelson, Ph.D.

Dr. Matthews officially reported to the Board that Dr. Courtney would be resigning from the Board, effective after the December 7, 2012 meeting. Nominations for Vice Chair for the period of December 8, 2012-June 30, 2012 were opened. Dr. Zimmermann nominated by motion Dr. Culross for Vice Chair. No other nominations being made, Dr. Culross was elected Vice Chair by roll call vote as follows: Matthews-yay, Burnett-yay, Zimmermann-yay and Courtney-yay.

Dr. Culross moved to accept the November 9, 2012 agenda. Dr. Zimmermann seconded the motion.

Dr. Culross moved that the minutes of October 12, 2012 be accepted. Dr. Zimmermann seconded the motion.

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, Courtney-yay, Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay and Burnett-yay.

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

**Oral Examinations:**

**Jesse F. Dees, Ph.D.**, appeared before the Board as a CPQ reciprocity candidate, after successfully passing the Louisiana Jurisprudence examination. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant **Dr. Dees** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed by a vote of the full board.

**Kristin L. Callahan, Ph.D.** appeared before Dr. Zimmermann and Dr. Courtney for an oral examination. Dr. Zimmermann moved that the Board grant **Dr. Callahan** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Developmental Psychology. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

**Erin T. Reuther, Ph.D.** appeared before Dr. Matthews, Dr. Burnett and Dr. Culross for an oral examination. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant **Dr. Reuther** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

**Caroline B. Gardner, Ph.D.** appeared before Dr. Zimmermann and Dr. Courtney for an oral examination. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant **Dr. Gardner** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

**Lisa C. Solursh, Psy.D.** appeared before Dr. Matthews, Dr. Burnett and Dr. Culross for an oral examination. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant **Dr. Solursh** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full board.

**Amy L. Childress, Ph.D.** appeared before the full Board for an oral examination. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant **Dr. Childress** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in School Psychology. The motion passed unanimously.

**Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:**

The Board reviewed the application for licensure files of **Sasha Lambert, Ph.D., Jennifer Reck-Gordy, Ph.D., Kentrell M. Avery, Psy.D., Richard Lewis Price, Ph.D., Keri F. Menesses, Ph.D., Lisa-Ann J. Cuccurullo, Psy.D. and Darrell Turner, Ph.D.** Dr. Matthews moved that the Board confirm candidacy status and schedule them accordingly for oral examinations. The motion passed unanimously by vote of the full Board.

Dr. Culross reviewed and recommended the Board accept the supervised practice plans of: **Jacquelyn A. Braud, Ph.D. and Melissa A. Middleton, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Matthews reviewed the special request concerning the EPPP score of **Donna Boudreaux, Ph.D.** Dr. Matthews recommended that the Board accept **Dr. Boudreaux's** EPPP score as satisfactory for licensure since she has been licensed for a period of time in another state. The motion passed by full vote of the Board.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** No new report.

**Oral Examination Committee:** Dr. Culross reported that the Board approved 6 new licensees at today's meeting.

**Jurisprudence Examination Committee:** Dr. Courtney reported that he would revise sections of the Jurisprudence Exam before December 7, 2012.

**Legislative Oversight Committee:**

**AG Opinion 12-0142 Behavior Analysts:** The Board reviewed and discussed the AG Opinion. The Board directed Ms. Parker to consult with Board advisory counsel to explore a request for reconsideration based on the BA Commission definitions and possibly the Ohio AG Opinion.

**AG Opinion 11-0276 LMFT Issues:** The Board reviewed and discussed the AG Opinion. Dr. Matthews commented that he could foresee issues with an individual who is both an LPC and LMFT since both are regulated by the same board with dual titles, but not identical practice scopes. However, he clarified that it would be an issue for the LPC Board.

**Chapter 6 Fees:** Ms. Parker informed the Board that the Chapter 6 Notice of Intent will be published in the Louisiana Register on November 20<sup>th</sup>. She also explained that once the notice is officially posted, she would send an email blast to all licensees informing them of the public comment period along with a link to the online survey. The public comment period is expected to open November 20, 2012 and close at 12:00 p.m. on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards:**

**ASPPB Annual Meeting** – Dr. Burnett reported that she attended the ASPPB New Board Member Breakfast. Dr. Burnett suggested the Board consider the following: new board member orientation (including an overview of the licensure and disciplinary process along with Open Meeting Laws) and professional wills. Dr. Burnett mentioned that ASPPB also encouraged Boards to examine and/or create Emergency Meeting Laws and Revocation Statutes. She reported that ASPPB also suggested that Board investigators should have some sort of regulatory investigation training.

Ms. Parker reported that at the ASPPB Board Administrator's Meeting topics included technology using Google Docs, Zoho and Sharepoint. She mentioned that Ohio and Maryland both reported issues with behavior analyst regulation during the Jurisdictional Roundtable session. Ms. Parker also reported about the Application Plus system through ASPPB and encouraged the Board to use it.

**LPA Election Process & Agreement:** The Board reviewed and discussed possible revisions to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Dr. Burnett agreed to discuss the modifications, including election expenses, with LPA. Ms. Parker reported that the LPA nomination period had been extended until December 10<sup>th</sup>. At the time of the meeting, LPA had received 2 nominees. LPA requested Ms. Parker to send the extension notice and election information out via email to all licensees.

**LPA Special Election:** Ms. Parker reported that according to the Cooperative Endeavour Agreement, there will need to be a special election for the unexpected vacancy as of December 7, 2012. Ms. Parker indicated that Board staff would work with LPA to get the information out in the next couple weeks.

**Louisiana Psychological Association – Records Retention Policy:** Dr. Van Geffen addressed the Board about the record retention policy. Dr. Courtney clarified that the Board issued a revised opinion on this matter. The group discussed Opinion 6, originally issued March 9, 2001, revised August 25, 2010. Ms. Parker provided Dr. Van Geffen a copy of the revised opinion.

**Continuing Education:** Dr. Culross, as Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, appointed Dr. Zimmermann to handle the modifications of Chapter 8. Dr. Zimmermann accepted the task.

**Complaints Committee:** No new report.

**Long Range Planning Meeting:** The Board confirmed that the Long Range Planning meeting will be Thursday, January 17, 2013. The Board confirmed that the items for the agenda, so far, are: Child Abuse statute, Telepsychology Guidelines, and Continuing Education.

**Ad hoc Committee: Behavior Analyst Commission:** The Board reviewed, independently, the presentations from the November 2, 2012 commission meeting. The Board discussed the presentations. The Board decided to issue a clarification statement to the BA Commission regarding statements made concerning financial gain and shutting down Autism Clinics. The Board reviewed the voting options for the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Courtney made a motion to table the decision on the vote until after the Board's meeting with the Louisiana Association of Behavior Analysts. The motion passed unanimously.

**Real Estate Working Group:** Dr. Zimmermann suggested that the Board consider exploring options with a new realtor. The Board accepted the recommendation and agreed to continue the real estate search.

**Discussion Items:**

- 1. Future Board Meeting Dates:** The Board established the following future meeting dates: January 17<sup>th</sup> –Long Range Planning, January 18<sup>th</sup> , February 22<sup>nd</sup> , March 15<sup>th</sup> , April 19<sup>th</sup> , May 10<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 2. Request for Guidance – Allyson D. Bennett, Ph.D.:** The Board reviewed and discussed the November 1, 2012 letter submitted by Dr. Bennett. The Board directed Ms. Parker to contact Dr. Bennett and obtain clarification regarding the question.
- 3. New Business for December 2012:** Nothing suggested.

*PUBLIC COMMENTS:* Dr. Julie Nelson addressed the Board about her concerns regarding the wording of LSBEP Opinions, Guidelines, Laws (etc.). She asked that the Board be more mindful that not every psychologist is a health care provider. The Board agreed to take the issue under advisement.

**Meeting: Grant Gautreaux and Janice Huber, LA Association of Behavior Analysts**

The Board met with the President of the LA Association of Behavior Analysts [LABAA], Grant Gautreaux and Secretary, Janice Huber. Also present for the meeting were Dr. Julie Nelson (The Psychology Times), Dr. Kim Van Geffen (LPA) and Cathy Wells (Senate Legal Affairs Division).

The Board and the LABAA representatives discussed the current proposals and issues surrounding regulation and licensure of Behavior Analysts [BAs] in Louisiana. After careful consideration, Dr. Matthews made a motion continue to work with LABAA to establish a model licensure act as a merged board with the LSBEP. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Courtney made a motion to include 2 Behavior Analysts on the Psychology Board as well as a committee of behavior analysts,

ultimately expanding the Board from a 5 to a 7-member board. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Matthews – yay, Courtney-yay, Culross-yay-, Burnett-yay and Zimmermann-yay.

The Board offered the following:

- 2 seats on the LSBEP along with a committee of BAs;
- The BA committee would consist of a variety of licensure levels. However, the BA board members shall possess at least master's level education as well as BA licensing by the Board. ;
- All BA members would be nominated by the association, LABAA, and selected by the Governor.;
- The BA Committee would be responsible for promulgating rules, establishing licensure procedures, renewal procedures, evaluating candidates for licensure, recommending disciplinary actions, maintaining financials, etc.;
- A Memorandum of Understanding can be drafted and executed by both respective parties; and
- The BA Committee will have access to all of the LSBEP's resources and staff for assistance and guidance.

At the time of the meeting, Mr. Gautreaux indicated he did not have the authority to accept any proposal on behalf of LABAA. Mr. Gautreaux advised the Board that since the commission meeting, he had received very little feedback from his group regarding the LPC licensing structure. However, he did mention that the few comments were positive regarding the LPC structure. Mr. Gautreaux explained that the comments suggested the LPC licensing structure is appealing because the LPC Board does not understand what BAs do, and BAs may not be scrutinized as closely by the LPC Board.

The Board agreed to draft a formal written proposal to LABAA. Ms. Parker reminded the Board that a proposal for licensing structure had already been made to the BA Commission. Ms. Parker suggested the Board address the BA Commission, in writing, regarding its intent and modified position for licensure. She reported that there would not be another BA meeting until the actual vote. The Board agreed unanimously.

Based on the meeting with LABAA representatives, Dr. Courtney moved for a final vote for the merged Board option with LSBEP. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Matthews-yay, Courtney-yay, Culross-yay, Burnett-yay, and Zimmermann-yay.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00 p.m.