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Myth: *The Board should do more to communicate with licensees.*



Fact: All board meetings are public, with the exception of confidential matters related to licensing files, complaints, legal strategy in current or pending lawsuits, or personnel. Notices, agendas, and minutes from board meetings are also publicly posted on the LSBEP website. If you would like to be added to the Public Notice Mailing List to receive meeting agendas to your email, please send an email to admin.lsbep@la.gov.

Additionally, the Board has made a concerted effort to communicate with licensees through regular emails and newsletters, which are also archived on the LSBEP website. Licensees are also welcomed to contact the Board and submit questions for formal responses from the Board and attend any board meeting to provide public comments on any matter the board is considering.



Myth: The Board should work more with the professional associations.



Fact: Because meetings are open to the public, the opportunity to attend any meeting is available to the public. For example, LPA typically has a representative at every board meeting. The board welcomes input from these representatives at every meeting. Regarding the legislation, the three major Louisiana professional associations of LSPA, LAMP, and LPA were involved in the Board's proposed changes to the statute from the beginning. LPA and LSPA collaborated at almost a dozen meetings that took place over the last year to help craft the language and intent of the proposed changes. Importantly, LSBEP committed to not moving forward with proposed changes unless a consensus on language had been reached among representatives of the Ad Hoc Legislative Collaborative Committee (ALCC). While not every detail was agreed upon, consensus was reached by the time of our final meeting and the Board voted to move forward shortly after at the Long Range Planning Meeting held in January 2021.



Myth: The proposed legislation is coming out of nowhere.



Fact: The legislation to clarify our statute and improve the board's ability to protect the public while remaining financially solvent was first discussed in 2019 and has been discussed repeatedly in many board meetings since that time. Some of the initiatives to address changes through rule making date back to 2014 and to a bill filed in the 2015 legislative session.



Myth: LPA opposes the proposed legislation.



Fact: Added context needed. LPA leadership was included and involved in every step of the revisions. LPA leaders influenced and wrote much of the proposed legislation. LSBEP cannot speak for LPA's current stance but it is factual information that the associations were the primary contributors to the revisions alongside the LSBEP legislative committee. Leadership from LPA and LSPA were co-authors on the majority of language in the proposed changes. **LPA formally notified LSBEP in writing that their objections are not related to content, but only to the timing, stating:**

“...LPA is supportive of the work of the ALCC and the collaborative process in developing the language for the proposed statute. Thus, this is not an opposition to the language of the statute itself, but rather opposition to moving it forward this legislative session...”



Myth: This isn't the right time for legislation. Maybe next session.



Fact: This is an often repeated refrain that implies there will be a legislative session where there is no rush or risk. I've heard this cautionary statement literally every year I've served on the board. The "wait and see" attitude lives in tandem with the "bury our heads in the sand and hope it gets better" adage. It is anxiety provoking to consider changes to the practice act and revisions to rules. But it is irresponsible to continue to kick the can down the professional field. It is a dereliction of my duty as Board Chair to not publicly share the problems faced by the Board and to make a transparent effort to fix those issues.



Myth: The Board cannot propose or lobby for legislation.



Fact: Actually, NOT a myth, but a misconception! It is important to understand what role the board plays in this process. Board members and employees of the Board are prohibited from “lobbying” for or against legislation, however they are expressly permitted to disseminate to legislators and others any factual information relative to any such matter (La. R.S. 24:56.F.(1)). Board members and employees do not propose legislation; legislators propose legislation. Further, as an arm of the Executive Branch of government, the Board’s members and employees are expressly exempted under La. R.S. 49:73 from the requirement to register as a lobbyist when communicating factual information to legislators, etc. For example, in rulemaking, the Board follows a long process that was previously detailed in our January 2021 newsletter (archived here: <https://lsbep.org/wp-content/uploads/LSBEP-Newsletter-January-2021-FINAL-.pdf>). Importantly, it is not the Board, but the legislative oversight committees (and newly added Occupational Licensing Review Commission) who have oversight regarding whether or not that rule moves forward.

While the legislative process does not have a formal procedure for boards, agencies or commissions who are requesting statutory changes, the idea of prohibiting communication by the board with the legislature would be similar to someone suggesting that a practitioner is prohibited from communicating with their employees or staff on matters impacting their position.



Myth: This is OUR [the licensees] Board.



Fact: This is a concerningly misinformed belief. The Board does not belong to licensees. The Board does not exist to serve licensees. The Board exists to protect the public by upholding the standards of the profession. One of the many ways the Board does this is through educating the legislature when the statute becomes outdated, problematic or does not provide the tools needed for the Board to carry out its mission. Psychologists who serve as Board members are doing just that - serving the public. We encourage all who have ideas on how to improve Board processes to run for election. The Board always needs motivated, dedicated professionals who care about the core mission of protecting the public.



Myth: The Board is power hungry and everything they do is in the service of their personal ambition.



Fact: While it has been a rewarding experience upholding the standards of my profession and providing a service to protect the public from harmful practices, being a Board Member has been an exhausting endeavor. It is the equivalent, particularly when you serve as Chair, of taking on another job for zero financial compensation. I work on Board issues at night, during weekends, and on vacation. I have cancelled career obligations to drop everything to drive to Baton Rouge for emergency meetings. I wrote this current article while on a plane. I cannot stress enough the number of unpaid volunteer hours that go into serving on the Board.



Myth: The Board doesn't have a financial problem; it has a spending problem.



Fact: Please see previous newsletter articles explaining the Board's financial difficulties in depth. Any statement that the Board has a spending problem is not based in reality. Additionally, as we are a public entity, our yearly budget is publicly discussed and voted upon in open meeting. The Hard Truth is that running an independent board with no support from the legislature is expensive. Lawyers cost money. Competent staff cost money. We pay our staff embarrassingly low salaries, for which we should be ashamed. Austerity measures, including layoffs of employees, have been attempted and have failed.

Additionally, it is very concerning and alarming that incorrect data from an official government website was recently circulated in a professional forum. LSBEP takes the budget seriously. We urge anyone with questions to contact us directly or view the data for themselves.



Description	Prior Year (2020) Actual	Current Year (2021) Budgeted*	Projected Year (2022) Budgeted
Advertising	\$0	\$0	\$0
Printing	\$959	\$900	\$900
Insurance	\$3,094	\$3,536	\$3,536
Automotive Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rentals	\$27,818	\$27,840	\$27,840
Dues & Subscriptions	\$3,751	\$3,185	\$3,185
Postage	\$2,618	\$2,600	\$2,600
Telephone	\$871	\$900	\$900
Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$12,876	\$18,271	\$18,271
Total Operating Services	\$5,198,712,876	\$5,723,218,271	\$5,723,218,271
Office Supplies	\$3,308	\$2,500	\$2,500
Operating Supplies:			
Medical	\$0	\$0	\$0
Food	\$685	\$1,275	\$1,275
Automotive	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Operating Supplies	\$223	\$365	\$365
Repair & Maintenance Supplies:			
Automotive	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Supplies	\$4,216	\$4,140	\$4,140

* Current year should reflect most recent estimate of annual revenues/operating figures for the fiscal year in which you are presently operating.

Go To Other Budget Sections:



Fact: The actual budget can be found at: [The Division of Administration Office of Boards & Commissions](#) website under the “Operating Expenses” section of the 2021 Budget for the LSBEP:



Myth: The Board goes after licensees and wants to take licenses.



Fact: The Board is legally obligated to investigate complaints. While the vast majority of complaints are dismissed, bad actors do exist. It is our legal, ethical, and moral obligation to protect the public from those who harm them. We should all be invested in that goal and it is disheartening to hear my fellow Psychologists disparage and degrade the very serious and often very sad work that goes into complaints. Statistically, the Board issues 30-40 new permanent licenses a year and disciplines 1-2 psychologists (on average) per year. It is very rare that the Board revokes a license. Statistics regarding Board discipline can be found at <https://lsbep.org/disciplinary-action>.



Myth: The Board should limit complaint costs by putting together a volunteer committee to review complaints and make recommendations to the Board.



Fact: For the board to consider these ideas and suggestions as possible solutions, it would require that they be based on best practices in government regulation and are legally sound. Some ideas that may be practical for other settings are not appropriate or lawful for a public government agency. As such, adding a layer of volunteer review between the investigative process and the Board's hearing would increase workload, costs, and liability. Many tasks and functions are appropriate for delegation to staff, contractors, and even volunteer committees. But it would be a liability and potentially a dereliction of duties for Board Members to delegate authority to individual psychologists (who are "market participants" and have no statutory obligation to protect the public) to be involved with confidential complaint matters. This would be akin to being selected for jury duty, then being allowed to designate a proctor to vote in your stead.

Moreover, Board members, employees, and those who contract with the Board are subject to training and have a fiduciary responsibility to the governmental ethics, rules, and regulations of the Board. Logistically speaking, the ability to consistently retain and manage a group of volunteers to be readily available to oversee the Board's 30+ cases a year, including being present to make recommendations at monthly board meetings, is impractical and would create an unmanageable amount of work for current staff. The current procedure where the Board's Compliance Officer, Investigator, a Complaint Coordinator and Investigating Board Member determine the progression of a complaint from investigation to dismissal, or to disciplinary proceedings is efficient, cost-effective, legally defensible, and provides substantial oversight to ensure public protection.



Myth: The Board runs on licensees' tax dollars and therefore licensees should decide how the Board runs.



Fact: The Board does not receive any tax dollars from the state's general fund nor are licensees "taxed" by the Board. Therefore, the Board is required to generate its own revenue. However, the legislature, the code of governmental ethics, the legislative auditor, and best practices in business and accounting are the deciding factors (and often mandates) how the Board runs. Licensees do have many opportunities to interact with and contribute thoughts, ideas, and concerns to the Board through directly contacting the Board with questions, observing and commenting at Board meetings, and running for election to serve on the Board. The Board always strives to be good stewards of the revenue it collects and how those funds are spent. However, the Board is also regulated by statutes, governmental ethics and standards and these factors are often the driving force for how the Board runs.



Myth: *Making everything virtual during the pandemic has been great. The Board should go totally virtual to cut costs.*



Fact: With the current unprecedented exception of an ongoing global pandemic, governmental entities are not permitted to meet virtually. The same rules that apply to our largest governmental entities (e.g.: Congress) also apply to very small parts of government such as licensing boards. While the pandemic has saved on travel costs, the Board has added expenses including but not limited to transitioning to a virtual meeting platform, paying \$100 per meeting to meet the statutory requirement for public notices of a virtual meeting to distribute to every known news media outlet that broadcasts or publishes news within Louisiana through the Louisiana Press Association, and our Executive Director's increased workload. These increases include creating and managing digital signatures to document financial reviews, accommodating file reviews which requires significant time spent scanning information, and proctoring Oral Examinations that previously would have been shared/conducted in person at monthly Board meetings.

Moving to a wider virtual platform would not eliminate the need for a physical location. It would trade costs for a physical office to costs for software contracts to store and manage not only licensing files, but complaint investigations (security of confidential records), IT contracts for data storage and management, and virtual meeting platforms. A virtual platform would require compensation to employees who have adequate space and resources to maintain home offices to store supplies, computer, scanning, copying, internet and other communication equipment. Proper training and security for such equipment maintained at a home office would be an additional cost. Furthermore, a physical meeting room would be an added expense and require planning to secure space for all board meetings, disciplinary meetings and formal hearings.



Myth: *Fees and regulations are overly burdensome. Psychologists are generally ethical and typically need no more than minimum oversight.*



Fact: LSBEP agrees that the vast majority of Psychologists are ethical and practice within their scope. However, statutes and rules are written to protect the public from the few Psychologists who are not. A clear definition of scope with well written regulations is what defines a profession and separates licensed professionals from casual people without a shared identity who are selling a vaguely similar product. Regulations serve to assure the public that basic minimum standards of safety and consistency in practice are being met. Lesser established professions fight every year in the legislature for the legitimacy of licensure and the ability to regulate themselves. It is short-sighted to imagine that the practice of Psychology would be more respected with fewer regulations. Additionally, the privilege of self-regulation costs money and that revenue is generated through fees. Our fees pay for our privilege to regulate ourselves.



Myth: *An omnibus Board or a shared Board with another profession would be a good way to save money.*



Fact: The legislature can take away individual Boards' ability to self-regulate and they have threatened to do this in the past to other health care boards when those boards have displeased them. There is a reason this is used as a punishment - not having an independent Board means that decisions are made about your profession by those outside your profession. This is how scopes of practice are eroded and the meaning of our degrees and training is degraded. A great example of how this has impacted Psychology can be found with our neighbors in Texas. Partly because their scope of practice was poorly defined, they now exist under an omnibus board and a doctoral degree is treated as essentially equivalent to a master's degree.



Myth: *The Complaint Committee is expensive, and the concept of a Prosecuting Attorney and Private Investigator are new and overly prosecutorial.*



Fact: Around 2010, LSBEP's *laissez faire* approach to complaints was being challenged by psychologists facing discipline as well as consumers alleging that the Board was protecting the interests of psychologists and not the public welfare. Until 2014, the LSBEP utilized licensed psychologists who were former Board members as private investigators. Unfortunately, LSBEP was advised that contracting with a psychologist to conduct complaint investigations was a violation of the Private Investigators Act. To lawfully fulfill its obligation, the LSBEP would either have to employ an in-house investigator or contract with a Licensed Private Investigator or alternately, a Licensed Psychologist could obtain a license as a PI and qualify for a contract position. The LSBEP has had a prosecuting attorney for a long time; Wade Shows until around 2008, followed by Brandy Sheely, followed by Deborah Harkins. There is simply no way for due process to occur without this organizational structure.

Additional Factual Information:

- LSPEB meetings have been held virtually on Zoom since the beginning of the pandemic. These meetings are open to all and we encourage all to join and observe.
- When the Board must hold a hearing, they are typically publicly noticed. Attending a hearing as an observer is a valuable way to better understand the serious work the Board performs. I encourage all licensees to observe a hearing.
- The LSBEP currently has one full-time employee, our executive director. This position is focused on all the daily operations of the board, office management, governmental compliance, licensing, organizing board meetings, and drafting minutes, among other duties. Around 2016, due to financial issues, the Board cut their full-time secretarial position, leaving the Board with one full-time employee. At the end of 2019, the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board was agreeable to splitting salary and hours for a Compliance Officer. That individual is employed under the LSBEP, but his salary and hours are shared 50/50 with the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board.
- Even with the added part-time employee, the board's executive director's responsibilities require her to work 50-60 hour weeks and without the ability to fully disconnect while at home or on vacation.

As always, LSBEP welcomes the opportunity to educate and inform licensees. We also welcome suggestions and ideas for improving our processes. Please feel free to contact the Board directly with any questions or concerns

UPDATED APPLICATION FORMS:

Over the past year the LSBEP has been working to improve processes for vetting qualifications of applicants. We now have updated Reference, Postdoctoral Supervision Documentation, and Declaration of Competency forms. If you supervise or train intern students or postdoctoral supervisees, please be sure to utilize the updated Postdoctoral Supervision Documentation form for board review available on our website.

MEET THE BOARD: An Interview with Michelle B. Moore, Psy.D.

By Amy Henke



Meet Michelle Moore, Psy.D.! Dr. Moore is currently serving in her second year of Board service for LSBEP. She sat down with current Board Chair, Amy Henke, Psy.D., to answer some questions as part of our ongoing series to help licensees get to know Board members and staff.

Dr. Moore's term on the Board began on July 19, 2019 and runs through June 30, 2024

1. **Henke:** How did you become interested in serving as a Board Member for LSBEP?

Moore: I heard the various stories of people's frustrations with the Board and wish for change, which led to my interest in learning and experiencing first-hand the role LSBEP plays in our professional functioning. I thought that I could possibly be a part of fruitful discussions and sound decision-making to create meaningful changes for all psychologists within Louisiana. I also saw this as an opportunity to enhance my own career plans for leadership and administrative roles.

2. **Henke:** What do you do when you are not serving on LSBEP?

Moore: During my day job, I wear a couple of different hats. I am an Associate Professor at LSU Health Sciences Center in the School of Medicine and serve as the Training Director for the Clinical Psychology Internship Program. My clinical work focuses primary on children with complex trauma. When providing direct services, I see children and adults for psychotherapy and conduct evaluations for children. I supervise the work of psychology interns and spend a great deal of time and effort ensuring that we are providing quality training experiences to prepare these individuals for a career in psychology. I also supervise psychiatry residents on their psychotherapy cases and teach a psychodynamic psychotherapy course for psychiatry residents. Within the Medical School, I serve as a Co-Chair of the Women's Affairs Committee and am a member of several other committees including Faculty Development and Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee. I feel strongly about professional development and importance of having mentors to guide that development. I have the pleasure of being the Course Director for a 1st year medical student course titled Human Behavior and Development, which I see as an opportunity to impart psychological wisdom on approximately 200 budding physicians to help them understand why relationships matter and how your demeanor and assumptions can change those dynamics in relationships. Those are some of the parts of my day job ☺ When not working, I enjoy being with my husband and three children and just being mom.

3. **Henke:** What has surprised you the most about your role with LSBEP?

Moore: A few things have surprised me. One being the immense differences that exist from state to state in how we regulate the profession. I also feel that my perspective of my role as a Training Director and commitment to training entry level psychologists has changed since serving on LSBEP. I feel even more confident in my decisions to safeguard the profession by adhering to strict guidelines and expectations within our internship training program.

4. **Henke:** What's your favorite/least favorite part of your role with LSBEP?

Moore: My two favorite parts of my role with LSBEP are playing an active role in creating change and learning from my colleagues on the Board. I thoroughly enjoy our discussions and listening to a different perspective to challenge my own assumptions or views. My least favorite part is the traffic driving to and from Baton Rouge! Once I'm in a meeting all is well, but the commute can be quite long at times. Zoom meetings have provided a reprieve from long commutes, while still being able to get our work successfully accomplished.

5. **Henke:** What's something interesting the Psychology community might not know about you?

Moore: My original career goal was to be an actress. I attended NOCCA (New Orleans Center for Creative Arts) for high school and moved to NYC with my dreams set for a career on Broadway. I quickly realized that while my heart was in the world of theatre, but it would not be my career. I began double majoring with a psychology degree and felt at home on my new path in psychology.

6. **Henke:** What do you wish the Psychology community better understood about LSBEP?

Moore: Our goal is not to place tighter restrictions on licensed individuals and to limit how people conduct their practice. Our goal is to protect the public from improper practice of psychology, which unfortunately exists in our state and across our nation.

7. **Hookean** goals for the future of LSBEP?

Moore: I am looking forward to the opportunity in three and a half years to serve as the Chair of the Board in order to lead and guide future initiatives. What those initiatives will be greatly depends on what happens over the next few years before the final year of my term arrives.

8. **Henke:** What do you wish you knew before you were elected as a board member for LSBEP?

Moore: I wish I would have known how rewarding the experience would be on a professional level which is certainly a positive outcome. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Board and appreciate the trust that psychologists placed in me upon electing me for this position.

Condolences:

The board wishes to extend sincere condolences to the friends, family, and loved ones of Dr. Thomas Hannie and Dr. George Henderson, who passed away in February 2021 and September 2020, respectively. Dr. Hannie served as a Board member from September 1979 to September 1982 and his service to the profession and to the public is greatly appreciated. Dr. Henderson served as part of the Board's inspiration for recreating a true Emeritus license and we hope to soon make this license a reality in his honor.

ELECTION NEWS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS LSSP COMMITTEE MEMBER

If you are interested in serving as an LSSP Committee Member. The next vacancy will occur on July 1, 2021 to fill a three year term ending on June 2=30, 2024. Eligibility for this term requires licensure either as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology or Licensed Psychologist. This Committee meets quarterly for one to three hours with minimal work required outside of meetings. Please contact Jaime Monic (jaime.monic@la.gov) if you are interested in serving on this Committee.

LSBEP BOARD MEMBER SEAT

The Election for the upcoming vacancy on the LSBEP was conducted through a secure online platform, Simply Voting. Below are the certified results reported to LSBEP by Simply Voting.

ELECTION RESULTS:

TURNOUT: 290 (36.2% of 801 Electors)

Thomandra Shavaun Sam, Ph.D. 105 (38.6%)

Lauren Woodruff Rasmussen, Psy.D., 103 (37.9%)

Leslie A. O'Malley, Psy.D. 64 (23.5%)

Abstained 18 (6.2%)

The Louisiana Psychological Association is required to report these results to the Governor in accordance with La. R.S. 37:2353.A(2).

CONGRATULATIONS NEW LICENSEES!

January 2021

James A.R. Glynn, Psy.D.
Emily K. Crochet, Psy.D.
Kathrin Herzhoff, Ph.D.
Matthew R. Chester, Ph.D.

NOTICES

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

NOTE: Due to LSBEP's continuing response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Board Meetings will continue to be held virtually via Zoom. When we return to in person meetings, they will be held at the Board Office located at: 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., #C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Meeting notices, agendas and links to join are posted on the News page of the [LSBEP Website](#). You may also request to be added to the PUBLIC NOTICE email distribution list to receive this information directly by emailing jaime.monica@la.gov.

LSSP Committee Meeting Dates:

- **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** – Committee Meeting: Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
- **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** – Committee Meeting: Licensed Specialist in School Psychology

LSBEP Board Meeting Dates:

- **Friday, March 26, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.** – Board Meeting
- **Friday, April 30, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.** – Board Meeting
- **Friday, May 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.** – Board Meeting
- **Friday, June 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.** – Board Meeting

RULEMAKING:

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq, that the Board of Examiners of Psychologists intends to amend the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part LXIII. Chapter 6. Section 601. Fees. to define fees charged by the Board in accordance with the Louisiana Licensing Law for Psychologist 37:2354 and the Administrative Procedures Act §968 and 971.

Interested persons may find a copy of the revisions posted on the Board's Website at <https://lsbep.org/rule-making/>. Written comments may be submitted to Jaime T. Monic, Executive Director, 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 on the form located on that page. All views or comments concerning the intended action must be submitted by 12 noon on March 8, 2021. The anticipated effective date for the proposed rule June 20, 2021.

NOTICE: You may opt in or out of receiving future newsletters directly to your email by sending an email to jaime.monica@la.gov. Please indicate your request to be added or removed from the Newsletter Mailing List.

BEST WISHES FROM THE LSBEP TEAM

PUBLICATION CORRECTIONS:

*Michelle M. Moore's name corrected from Michelle "B" Moore, and republished on 4/26/2021

BOARD MEMBERS

Chair: Amy M. Henke, Psy.D.

Vice Chair: Gina L. Gibson, Ph.D. **Member:** Gregory Gormanous, Ph.D. **Member:** Michelle B. Moore, Psy.D.

Public Member: D. Chance McNeely, MPA

Member: Shannae Harness, Ph.D.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director: Jaime T. Monic

Compliance Officer/Investigator: Justin Owens

Accountant: Valerie Dominique, CPA

General Counsel: Amy Groves Lowe

Prosecuting Attorney: Courtney P. Newton

Complaints Coordinators: Sasha J. Lambert, Ph.D. & Mark P. Vigen, Ph.D.

Investigators: Tony McCoy & Henry Richardson

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NOTICE: In compliance with Act 655 of the 2018 Regular Session, the LSBEP hereby gives notice to its licensees and applicants of their opportunity to file a complaint about board actions and board procedures. You may submit such complaints to one or more of the following organizations:

- Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists: *Submit in writing to:* LSBEP, 4334 S. Sherwood Forest, Blvd., #C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816; admin.lsbep@la.gov; (225)295-841
- Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives: *Submit to:* H&GA@legis.la.gov or Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives, PO Box 44486, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225) 342-2403
- Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate: *Submit to:* s&g@legis.la.gov or Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; LA Senate PO Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225)342-9845

LA R.S. 42:14.D. Public comments – In accordance with LA R.S. 42:14.D., the LSBEP shall allow public comments at any point during a meeting of the LSBEP prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. Individuals who wish to comment on a matter must sign in and state their intent to comment on a matter.

La. R.S. 44:33.1 - In compliance with La. R.S. 44:33.1, the LSBEP hereby gives notice that information submitted to the LSBEP may become public record pursuant to the provisions of Louisiana Public Records Law, La. R.S. 44:1, *et seq.*