

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: March 28, 2013
APPROVED: April 19, 2013

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 12:00 p.m. **Thursday, March 28, 2013**, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Dr. Lee Matthews was absent.

Dr. Culross moved to accept the March 28th agenda.

Legislative Oversight Committee: Ms. Parker presented the Board members with Senator Morrell's draft bill, which creates an independent board for the Behavior Analysts but requires sharing office resources and professional staff with the LSBEP. Ms. Parker pointed out that the new proposed language represents a completely separate practice act. Ms. Parker also noted that the bill requires a LSBEP member to be an ex-officio member of the BA Board. The Board members reviewed the comments submitted to Ms. Parker from Dr. Lee Matthews as well. The group carefully discussed the proposed legislation.

Ms. Parker also informed the Board that she had been working with Mrs. Morrell to establish an estimated financial projection for the BA Board scenario. She explained that based on the numbers provided by Mrs. Morrell, the LSBEP accountant prepared a very basic estimate that did not include costs for contracted individuals such as an accountant or an attorney. The Board members reviewed and discussed the financials

Ms. Parker presented the Board members with a Draft Memorandum of Understanding [MOU], which could possibly be executed between the LSBEP and newly formed BA board. The MOU covered areas concerning sharing of office resources, office staff and financial responsibility of both parties. After careful review and discussion, the Board members agreed that an MOU would be necessary to facilitate the responsibilities of both parties.

Dr. Culross moved to accept the proposed legislation and move forward with the suggested model. The motion passed by quorum vote of the Board as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay and Burnett-yay.

2:00 p.m. Adjourned.