

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2012

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:33 a.m., Friday, March 23, 2012, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Tony Young, Lee Matthews, Rita Culross, John Courtney and Marc Zimmermann; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker.

Dr. Young moved to accept the March 23, 2012 agenda. Dr. Matthews seconded the motion. Dr. Courtney moved that the minutes of March 23, 2012 be accepted. Dr. Culross seconded the motion.

Pursuant to **LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4)**, Dr. Young 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: Young –yea, Matthews – yea, Culross-yea, Courtney-yea and Zimmerman-yea.

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

Complaint Review/Legal Matters:

- a. **NP10-11-01C:** Ms. Parker presented an updated case status to the Board. After careful consideration of the facts presented and additional information provided during the face-to-face meeting, the Board determined the issue was resolved and the matter should be closed with no further action warranted. The Board unanimously agreed to allow the Respondent to continue his pursuit towards a psychology license.
- b. **P11-12-04C:** Ms. Parker presented an updated case status to the Board along with a Consent Order for approval and signature. After careful consideration of the facts presented the Board opined that the Consent Order needed to be amended to include specificity in the hours and type of continuing education, and a practice monitoring provision for at least 6 months. Ms. Parker agreed to contact the attorney and psychologist to address the additional terms.
- c. **P10-11-07B:** Ms. Parker summarized the case for the Board and presented the investigator's dismissal recommendation based on legal advice. After careful consideration of the facts presented, and legal advice, the Board unanimously voted to pursue a disciplinary action against the licensee. Ms. Parker advised that she would coordinate the matter with attorneys and arrange for a hearing.
- d. **LSBEP v. RW** Ms. Parker presented the facts of the complaint against an unlicensed individual. Dr. Courtney moved to open a file and issue a cease and desist letter to the individual. Ms. Parker indicated she would also notice the violation to the California Psychology Board. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Young moved to accept the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.
- e. **PCI-Online.net:** Ms. Parker presented information pertaining to PCI-Online.net. Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to work in collaboration with sister boards to monitor the matter and notify PCI-Online.net about Louisiana psychology laws.

- f. **NP11-12-04B:** The Board reviewed the response received from the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board.
- g. **LSBEP v. DL-NP:** Ms. Parker presented the information to the Board. Dr. Young moved to open a file and issue a cease and desist order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Courtney also made a motion to invite the individual in to meet with the Board. The motion passed unanimously.
- h. **P11-12-01B:** Ms. Parker presented communication received from the Respondent. After careful consideration, the Board opined that if the psychologist continued to be compliant throughout the 2011-2012 year, his license would be reported in good standing.

Oral Examinations:

Dana Gruber, Ph.D. appeared before Dr. Culross, Dr. Zimmermann, and Dr. Matthews for an oral examination. Dr. Zimmermann moved that the Board grant **Dr. Gruber** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed

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

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

Dr. Young reviewed the application for licensure files and recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of: **Shauna P. Johnson, Ph.D., Aaron Philip Armelie, Ph.D., Mark A. Skellie, Psy.D., Sabera Sobhan, Ph.D., Adam R. Reinwald, Psy.D., and Yael Lieber, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Dr. Culross reviewed and recommended the Board accept the Temporary Registration of **Hugh Darmond Kirkpatrick, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Matthews reviewed and recommended the Board accept the Temporary Registration of **Gregory DeClue, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Culross reviewed and recommended the Board accept the supervised practice plans of **Adam T. Blancher, Ph.D., Lisa Solursh, Ph.D, Tracy Dossett, Ph.D., Janice C. Marceaux, Ph.D, Robert A. Wright, Ph.D, and Steven D. Abney, Ph.D.** The motion passed, no abstentions.

Dr. Culross reviewed the supervised practice plan and correspondence submitted by **Ann Crapanzano, Ph.D.** The Board discussed Dr. Crapanzano's degree and training. After careful consideration, Dr. Culross moved to approve the practice plan based on supplemental information. The motion passed.

Dr. Young reviewed and recommended the Board accept the non-APA internship of **Deidre J. Devier, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young reviewed the withdrawal request of applicant of **Patrick Schonbachler, Psy.D** and additional materials related to his work in Louisiana. Dr. Young moved to withdrawal Dr. Schonbacler from the application process per his request. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for January 2012 and February 2012. Ms. Parker informed the Board that they might go over budget due to larger than anticipated expenditures for computer expenses, health insurance and legal services. Dr. Young moved to accept the financial statements, and the motion was accepted.

Oral Examination Committee:

No report.

Legislative Coordinator: The Board discussed and reviewed bills: SB 185, SB216, HB 830, HB 87, HB 326, HB 771, and SB 192. Ms. Parker agreed to contact Dr. Marier at LSBME to discuss SB 216 and HB 830. Dr. Courtney and Ms. Parker agreed to continue efforts on behalf of SB 185.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: The Board discussed the upcoming ASPPB meeting in New Orleans, April 12-15, 2012. Attendees will be: Ms. Parker, Dr. Young, Dr. Courtney, Dr. Culross and Dr. Matthews. Dr. Young and Dr. Culross agreed to attend the ASPPB Board of Directors Meeting as well.

Continuing Education: Ms. Parker reported that she would start the official process implement the changes to Chapter 8, Continuing Education.

Complaints Committee:

The Board discussed investigation procedures, including investigative reports and additional needs in order to evaluate cases better. Ms. Parker made a request to also seek out a workshop or training for our contract investigator. The request was approved.

Long Range Planning Meeting/Awards Ceremony: No report.

Ad hoc Committee: Sunset Review: No official report, *see Legislative Coordinator*

Ad hoc Committee: Behavior Analysts: No official report, *see Legislative Coordinator.*

Discussion Items:

2012 Renewals: Ms. Parker presented the Board with the proposal to send 2012 renewal reminder post cards instead of paper forms. Ms. Parker indicated that the postcards would be less costly, less time consuming, and also promote the use of the online renewal system. The Board accepted the request and approved the postcards. Ms. Parker offered to have a sample post card at the next scheduled meeting.

Telepsychology: Review of APA Monitor article & APA's 2010 50 State Review of Telehealth Laws: The Board reviewed and discussed the materials provided.

Psychological Testing via Teleconference issue: The Board reviewed the request regarding the proposal to do psychological testing via teleconference and the use of technicians.

Telepsychology Draft Opinion: The Board approved the draft of the Telepsychology opinion. Ms. Parker indicated that she would finalize it and publish it first under the "News" section on the website and send an email blast to all licensees.

Request from Magellan – The Board reviewed the request from Rick Kamins, Chief Clinical Officer of Magellan Public Sector Solutions. After careful consideration and discussion, the Board opined that they would not distribute information on behalf of Magellan. The request was denied.

Request for Opinion from Gail Gillespie, Ph.D.: The Board reviewed the request from Dr. Gillespie and agreed to take the matter under advisement.

ASPPB Call for Nominations: The Board was provided with materials for the nominations.

Dr. Young made a motion to adjourn, and stating the next meeting is April 27, 2012. The motion was accepted. Adjournment: 3:40 p.m.