

**Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
LICENSED SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 1, 2021**

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The Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Advisory Committee [herein Committee] of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists [Board] was noticed and agenda posted May 28, 2021. Dr. Hebert called the meeting to order on June 1, 2021 at 1:40 p.m.

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Committee Members Present: George Hebert, Katherine Chenier, and Ex Officio Member Jaime Monic. Committee Members Absent: Stacey Johnson

Dr. Hebert moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Chenier seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the voting members present.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of March 2, 2021 and March 16, 2021. Dr. Hebert moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2021. Dr. Chenier seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous decision of the voting members present. Dr. Chenier moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2021 as corrected. Dr. Hebert seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous decision of the voting members present.

**Discussion Items:**

1. **Review LSSP reference form – final draft** – The Committee reviewed the final draft of the revised LSSP Reference form and made minor adjustments. Dr. Chenier moved to accept the corrected draft and implement. Dr. Hebert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the voting members present.
2. **Update on LSBEP Review of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostics and Treatment Health Services (EPSDT) Medicaid Services Manual (updated 2/12/2021)** - Ms. Monic updated the Committee on this matter that was previously discussed in March of this year: The matter was docketed for the Board’s review at their regularly scheduled meeting in March 2021. The Board was apprised of the email from LSPA President, Brandon Wilks related to LSPA’s concerns regarding the language in the Medicaid Program Manual and negative impacts it is having on the practice of Licensed Specialist in School Psychologists (LSSP); Ms. Monic’s response to Mr. Wilks of March 16, 2021; and the LSSP Committee’s

discussion thereafter. The Board reviewed the language in the current EPSDT Manual and discussed further concerns related to the exclusion of “Licensed Psychologist” (LP) in certain areas. The Board agreed that Ms. Monic’s email response to Mr. Wilks represented LSBEP’s adopted position regarding the scope of an LSSP to practice independently within a school system. Further, the Board directed Ms. Monic to communicate with Mr. Wilks that while LSPA and/or LPA are free to use that response as they see fit to represent the interests of school psychology and the practice of school psychology in the legislature and with government agencies for reimbursement rates with Medicaid/insurance companies, the LSBEP’s involvement in this matter, beyond the educative email of March 16, 2021, could be construed as lobbying, of which board members are prohibited. While the Board did not object to LSSP’s or LP’s seeking or receiving advanced privileges and/or reimbursements for services which they are statutorily authorized to perform, they declined initiating the interaction.

3. **Committee Nominations for upcoming vacancy of LSSP Seat on July 1, 2021** – The committee reviewed one Self-Nomination for the upcoming LSSP Committee vacancy occurring on July 1, 2021. Following review, Dr. Cheniere moved that Kelley Pursell be recommended to the LSBEP for appointment to the LSSP Committee, noting that her experience and goals are consistent with the purpose of the LSSP committee and further noting that due to the requisite number of years licensed she would be eligible for appointment on August 1, 2021. Dr. Hebert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the voting members present.

Dr. Hebert moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:17.A(2) and (4) to conduct file reviews. The motion was considered and seconded by Dr. Chenier. The motion passed by unanimous decision of the voting members present.

Dr. Hebert moved to close Executive Session to enter the Open Meeting to report on and receive motions for Executive Session matters. The Committee discussed the motion, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Hebert and Chenier reviewed the Application for Licensed Specialist in School Psychology of **Will Barron, S.S.P.** Dr. Hebert, finding that the requirements for licensure have been met, moved that the Committee confirm the Candidacy status of Ms. Palacio and recommend her to the Board for licensure as a Specialist in School Psychology. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hebert also reviewed application for Amanda DeWitt, Dr. Chenier recused from this review. Dr. Chenier and Dr. Hebert reviewed the application of Quinn Wong. Files are pending outstanding documentation and were not complete to compel a recommendation at this time.

Dr. Chenier moved to adjourn at 3:19 p.m., Dr. Hebert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.