

*Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists*  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**FINAL APPROVED: MARCH 6, 2020**

An Emergency Meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board or LSBEP) was noticed and agenda posted on, Friday, January 17, 2020 at 1:14 PM. Board Chair, Dr. Koren Boggs, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Dr. Boggs read the mission statement: *“It is hereby declared that the creation of a state board of examiners of psychologists is necessary in order to safeguard life, health, property, and the public welfare of this state, and in order to protect the people of this state against unauthorized, unqualified, and improper application of psychology.”*

Present and representing the Complaint Committee were Dr. Koren Boggs, Ph.D., LSBEP Chair; Dr. Sasha J. Lambert, Ph.D., Complaints Coordinator; and, Ms. Courtney Newton, Prosecuting Attorney. Present and representing the LSBEP were Board Members, Drs. Amy Henke, Psy.D.; Gregory Gormanous, Ph.D.; Gina Gibson, Ph.D.; Michelle Moore, Psy.D.; and, D. Chance McNeely. Also present was Ms. Amy Groves Lowe, Legal Counsel for the LSBEP, and Ms. Jaime Monic, Executive Director.

Dr. Gormanous requested that his statement of service be recorded into the minutes as follows: *“My serving on LSBEP is to ensure that consumers of psychological services are protected against any unqualified, harmful and unauthorized practice, application or use of psychology. My service is as a consumer advocate and educator. My service is not as a market participant.”*

Ms. Newton reported that the Complaints Committee has reviewed and considered all available evidence in this matter, including meeting face to face with the Respondent. Ms. Newton reported that due to both the summary suspension ordered by the Board on November 11, 2019 and the type of allegations made against the Respondent, the Committee believed that any future action or decision in the matter be decided by the Board in its entirety. Ms. Newton advised that that following receipt of information and evidence in executive session, Board members present would be prohibited from sitting on a future hearing panel should the matter continue to move forward.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Following Ms. Newton’s report, Dr. Gormanous moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LA R.S.42:17.A(1), (4) and (10) and LA R.S. 44:4(29) to review the evidence and receive the recommendation of the Complaints Committee. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Henke – Yes, Gormanous – Yes, Gibson – Yes, Moore – Yes, McNeely – Yes, Boggs – Abstained due to her participation as the investigating board member on the Complaint Committee.

Dr. Gormanous moved to close Executive Session to consider motions in open meeting. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Henke – Yes, Gormanous – Yes, Gibson – Yes, Moore – Yes, McNeely – Yes, Boggs – Abstained due to her participation as the investigating board member on the Complaint Committee.

Dr. Gormanous reported that the Board thoroughly discussed Complaint P19-20-03C in Executive Session. In consideration of the information received, Dr. Henke moved that the matter be dismissed with a letter of education to the respondent. That motion having been put to roll call vote, passed by unanimously as follows: Henke – Yes, Gormanous – Yes, Gibson – Yes, Moore – Yes, McNeely – Yes, Boggs – Abstained due to her participation as the investigating board member on the Complaint Committee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Following the motion to dismiss with a letter of education, Dr. Moore moved to reenter Executive Session pursuant to LA R.S.42:17.A(1), (4) and (10) and LA R.S. 44:4(29) to discuss the contents of the letter of education. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Henke – Yes, Gormanous – Yes, Gibson – Yes, Moore – Yes, McNeely – Yes, Boggs – Abstained due to her participation as the investigating board member on the Complaint.

Dr. Gormanous moved to close Executive Session to consider motions in open meeting. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Henke – Yes, Gormanous – Yes, Gibson – Yes, Moore – Yes, McNeely – Yes, Boggs – Abstained due to her participation as the investigating board member on the Complaint Committee.

Dr. Gormanous reported that the Board discussed the contents of the draft letter of education in Executive Session and suggested revisions. Dr. Gormanous moved that the Complaints Committee, consisting of Drs. Boggs, Lambert and Ms. Newton, be delegated the final authority to revise the letter of education as discussed by the Board, and that Dr. Boggs be authorized to sign the letter of education in her capacity as Board Chair.

Further, Dr. Moore moved that the Order of Summary Suspension in the matter P19-20-03C be rescinded, and that staff take action to *void* the previous required reporting of the Summary Suspension on the website of the LSBEP, to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards and also the National Practitioner Databank. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Henke – Yes, Gormanous – Yes, Gibson – Yes, Moore – Yes, McNeely – Yes, Boggs – Abstained due to her participation as the investigating board member on the Complaint Committee.

All business being completed, Dr. Henke moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

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