

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday November 22, 2019

FINAL APPROVED: December 13, 2019

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board or LSBEP) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, November 20, 2019. Board Chair, Dr. Koren Boggs', called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Present were Board Members, Drs. Koren Boggs', Amy Henke, Gregory Gormanous, Gina Gibson and Michelle Moore, Consumer Member, Darren "Chance" McNeely; Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic; Compliance Investigator, Justin Owens; and guests/visitors Dr. Richard Niolon representing LPA.

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."*

Dr. Boggs' welcomed the Board's first consumer member, Mr. Darren "Chance" McNeely. Mr. McNeely introduced himself as the Executive Director for the Louisiana Motor Transport Association. Mr. McNeely reported that he had not completed his Oath of Office and would therefore not be participating in this meeting as a voting member.

Dr. Boggs' also welcomed new staff, Mr. Justin Owens who is employed by the board as their Compliance Investigator to investigate and process complaints.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dr. Henke moved to approve the agenda as posted. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: BOGGS – YEA, HENKE-YEA, GORMANOUS – YEA, GIBSON – YEA, MOORE – YEA

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Gormanous moved to approve the minutes of October 10-11, 2019 as discussed. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: BOGGS – YEA, HENKE-YEA, GORMANOUS – YEA, GIBSON – YEA, MOORE – YEA

2019 ELECTIONS The board opened and vetted nominations for participation in the next election for the upcoming vacancy occurring July 1, 2020. One qualified nomination was received from Shannae Harness, Ph.D. Dr. Gormanous moved in favor of proceeding with the election as required by statute for fill the upcoming vacancy. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Gormanous also requested that the Board revise the self-nomination form to include a section for professional affiliations.

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COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Dr. Boggs reported that the Supervision/Credentials Review Committee met prior to convening the public meeting to conduct applicant and licensee file reviews in Executive Session in accordance with [LSA-R.S. 42.17.A(1)] and the Complaints Committee met prior to convening the public meeting to review and discuss complaint matters in Executive Session in accordance with [LSA-R.S. 42.17.A(1)] and as noticed on the November 22, 2019 Agenda. Due to time constraints, Ad Hoc Rulemaking Committees did not meet as noticed. The Board received committee reports and recommendations as follows:

1. **Executive Director Report:** Ms. Monic reported that she and Dr. Gormanous attended the 59th Annual ASPPB meeting in Minneapolis, MN from October 16-20, 2019. Ms. Monic reported that Michelle Paul was elected as the Member at Large and Tomas R. Granados, Psy.D. was elected as President-Elect.
2. **Finance Committee:**
 - a. **Financial Reports** – the Board reviewed financial reports prepared by Ms. Valerie Dominique for October 2019. Dr. Gormanous moved in favor of accepting the financial reports. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: BOGGS – YEA, HENKE-YEA, GORMANOUS – YEA, GIBSON – YEA, MOORE – YEA. The board also discussed attendance at the ASPPB Midyear Meeting in Montreal Canada April 23, 2020 – April 26, 2020 and unanimously approved travel, hotel, registration, and per diem expenses for Dr. Gina Gibson; and travel, hotel, registration and reimbursements for Ms. Jaime Monic to attend.
 - b. **Leave Report Approvals (KB)** – Dr. Boggs reported the review and approval of Leave Reports for Ms. Monic; Ms. Monic reported the review and approval of Leave Reports for Mr. Owens.
3. **Oral Examination Committee** – Dr. Moore reported that the board anticipated conducting 7 Oral Examinations/Interviews in executive session later this day. Dr. Boggs reported that she will be drafting a proposed revised oral examination procedures for the Board to consider.
4. **Jurisprudence Examination Committee** – Dr. Henke reported that with the telesupervision guidelines completed, the committee will be shifting focus to the Jurisprudence Examination to make sure it reflects the rules and regulations accurately and proportionately; moving to offer the examination online with different versions; and potentially having post-licensing offerings to be credited toward continuing education credits.
5. **Legislative Oversight Committee** – Dr. Gormanous reported that the next regular session was fast approaching and that now is the time to educate people, including new legislators if the Board is going to seriously consider statutory changes. With Mr. McNeely’s legislative experience, Dr. Boggs appointed Mr. McNeely to the Legislative Oversight Committee.
6. **Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards** – Dr. Moore reported that she had shared the draft telesupervision guidelines with the LPA however they have not responded with comments.

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Additionally, Dr. Moore reported that she is working on summarizing the comments received from the survey to share with the Board.

7. **Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee** – Dr. Henke reported she would be finishing CPD reviews with Ms. Monic this month.

8. **Supervision/Credentials Committee** – Dr. Moore reported that the committee met this morning and reviewed files.

9. **Complaints Committee** –

a. Complaint Status Report from Justin Owens, LSBEP Compliance Officer – Mr. Owens reported that since first day of work, on October 28, 2019, the Board has received 5 new Requests for Investigations which brings the total open cases to 24 cases. 18 of the 24 are complaints are against licensed psychologists. 5 of the 24 are against unlicensed individuals.

b. **In the Matter P19-20-03C** – Ms. Monic reported the requirement to schedule a formal hearing date within 60 days of the initiation of the summary suspension issued in this matter. The board reviewed their calendars and affirmed availability on January 9, 2020 beginning at 2PM and January 10, 2020 all day. Ms. Monic advised she would be requesting Conflict of Interest Statements from Board Members prior to hearing to vet an unbiased hearing panel.

c. **In the Matter NP18-19-08B** – Dr. Gregory Gormanous moved to accept the recommendation of Dr. Koren Boggs to dismiss the complaint on the basis of receipt of an signed and notarized Affidavit from the respondent, which affidavit affirmed future compliance consistent with the board's statutory and regulatory provisions with respect to forensic testimony and psychological evaluation. The matter being put to a vote, passed unanimously as follows: Gormanous – yea, Henke – yea, Gibson – yea, Moore – yea, Boggs – yea. Dr. Gormanous further moved in favor of allowing the individual to move forward with a Temporary Registration application in Louisiana in order to facilitate future compliance. The matter being put to a vote, passed unanimously as follows: Gormanous – yea, Henke – yea, Gibson – yea, Moore – yea, Boggs – yea.

10. **Long Range Planning Committee** – Dr. Gormanous reported a successful LRP Meeting this past October. He reported that committees will continue to work toward the objectives outlined at the meeting. Dr. Boggs described the LRP Meeting and the purpose for new member, Mr. McNeely.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. RULEMAKING:

a. **Unlicensed Assistants (SurveyMonkey Results) and Continuing Education-** Dr. Moore reported that there were 162 participants on the survey. She will be formulating the final results, but the summarized that the survey took approximately 3 minutes to complete, that the majority of the participants seemed to be in favor of keeping 40 hours or reducing the number of required hours; participants did not seem to be in favor of requiring formal activities only. Dr. Gormanous requested that the record reflect that Dr. Henke's newsletter article did an exceptional job of explaining the need for a rule revision.

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b. Health Service Provider vs. General Applied Psychology – Dr. Boggs proposed that we continue to work on a new model for licensure. Dr. Gormanous noted that Wisconsin has a model that can be studied.

c. Complaint Adjudication – The Board continues to review the draft.

d. Definitions - The Board is continuing to review the draft in order to provide clarification on terminology.

e. Continuing Education – (see discussion item “a” above)

2. Supervision via Telepsychology – Dr. Henke moved to adopt revisions to the telepsychology guidelines as discussed, to include telesupervision and require application for approval to provide such supervision.

3. Application for Supervision via Telepsychology – Ms. Monic will work on finalizing the Application for Telesupervision developed by Dr. Moore and distribute to the board members for review.

4. LSBEP Proposed Elevator Speech – Dr. Boggs assigned the development of a description [elevator speech] of what the board does and the importance of having a psychology board to the legislative committee.

5. Kevin Weatherly, Ph.D. – Practice Question – The board reviewed and considered an inquiry from Dr. Kevin Weatherly regarding the requirement for licensure in Louisiana. Following discussion, by motion of Dr. Gormanous, the Board voted unanimously to provide Dr. Weatherly with an exemption from the statutory requirements to obtain licensure/temporary registration, in this single instance, in the interest of continuity of care considering the circumstances, and for the exclusive purpose of providing the evaluation report and feedback to a former Texas resident who recently relocated to Louisiana; further advising Dr. Weatherly that any additional practice beyond the what has already been completed would require a Temporary Registration; and formally commending Dr. Weatherly for having foresight and being proactive in consulting with the LSBEP for their approval prior to engaging in the practice of Psychology in Louisiana.

6. In the Matter: Docket No. 19-KD-1150 Frank Ford Cosey (Respondent/Appellant) Vs. Darrel Vannoy, Warden (Applicant/Appellee) Amicus Curiae Brief On behalf of The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, In Support of Original Application for Writ Application Seeking Review of Honorable Donald R. Johnson, Judge Presiding, 19th Judicial District Court, Docket No. 07-90-0596 Sec. “VI” – The Board discussed the denial of consideration of the Amicus Curiae Brief, and the arguments against being licensed in a forensic setting. The Board affirmed its understanding of their obligation under LA R.S. 37:2351 to protect all citizens of the State of Louisiana from the unauthorized, unqualified and improper practice of psychology. Dr. Gormanous moved in favor seeking a statutory revision pertaining to the definition of the practice of psychology to ensure clarity for individuals practicing or utilizing the services of individuals practicing psychology. Dr. Niolon, commented on this discussion, stating that a person in jail has the same rights to qualified care and protection from the board from unauthorized, unqualified and improper care as any free member of the public.

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7. **ASPPB Guidelines on Closing a Practice, Comment period January 6, 2019** - Dr. Boggs requested that the Board review the proposed guidelines for proposals or suggestions on comments.

8. **Special Requirements regarding Complaints in Forensic Evaluations** – Ms. Monic provided the board with a proposal, supported by Dr. Sasha Lambert, to coordinate a discussion forum of individuals with an interest in forensic evaluations, for the purpose of engaging judges, forensic psychologists, parent coordinators, attorneys and others, in a conversation about complaints initiated to impact court proceedings; how it impacts the licensee and the proceeding; and potential resolutions on addressing complaints during active litigation. This matter was tabled due to time constraints.

9. **Statutory approach to address issues of emergency meetings with respect to possible summary suspension** – The Board discussed the practicality of the full board convening within a 48-hour period to affirm a recommendation for summary suspension by the Complaints Coordinator or other designated Board Member who is delegated this authority by the Board. Dr. Gormanous, noted that in his opinion it is not practical, nor is it what other agencies require to institute an interim administrative suspension of a license. Dr. Gormanous moved that the board seek a statutory provision outlining procedures of specifically for the LSBEP to execute an administrative summary suspension that is facilitated and expedited in a practical way. The matter being put to a vote was unanimously affirmed as follows: Boggs - yea, Henke - yea, Gormanous - yea, Gibson - yea, Moore - yea.

10. **Application Process for Licensure vs Provisional Licensure** – Dr. Boggs volunteered to review and work on recommendations with Ms. Monic to revise the reference form and application process for provisional licensees. Board members were encouraged to review application forms available online for recommendations for improvement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dr. Gormanous moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:17.A(2) and (4) to discuss file reviews, and conduct oral examinations. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: BOGGS – YEA, HENKE-YEA, GORMANOUS – YEA, MOORE – YEA, GIBSON - YEA.

Dr. Henke moved to close Executive Session to enter the following. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: BOGGS – YEA, HENKE-YEA, GORMANOUS – YEA, MOORE – YEA, GIBSON – YEA

ORAL EXAMINATIONS [LSA-R.S.42.16.1]:

Brian M. Seavey, Psy.D. appeared before Board members Drs. Henke and Gibson for licensure via Reciprocity as a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology. Finding that **Dr. Seavey** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Seavey** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Gormanous – YEA, Gibson – YEA, Moore - YEA.

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Nanci R. Nilles, Psy.D. appeared before Board members Drs. Boggs, Gormanous, and Moore for licensure via Reciprocity as a holder of the Certificate of Professional Qualifications. Finding that **Dr. Nilles** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Moore moved that **Dr. Nilles** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Gormanous – YEA, Gibson – YEA, Moore - YEA.

Kelli F. Johnson, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Henke and Gibson for an oral examination for licensure in Counseling Psychology. The board discussed **Dr. Johnson's** performance and qualifications in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Johnson** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Counseling Psychology, Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Johnson** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Gormanous – YEA, Gibson – YEA, Moore - YEA.

Matthew A. Taylor, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Boggs and Gormanous for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. The board discussed **Dr. Taylor's** performance and qualifications in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Taylor** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Taylor** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Gormanous – YEA, Gibson – YEA, Moore - YEA.

Nicholas A. Oleen-Junk, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Henke and Gibson for an oral examination for licensure in Counseling Psychology. The board discussed **Dr. Oleen-Junk's** performance and qualifications in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Oleen-Junk** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Counseling Psychology, Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Oleen-Junk** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Gormanous – YEA, Gibson – YEA, Moore - YEA.

Emily E. Brickell, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Boggs, Gormanous, and Moore for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. The board discussed **Dr. Brickell's** performance and qualifications in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Brickell** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Brickell** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Gormanous – YEA, Gibson – YEA, Moore - YEA.

Raymond P. Tucker, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson and Moore for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. The board discussed **Dr. . Tucker's**

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performance and qualifications in executive session. Finding that **Dr. . Tucker** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Moore moved that **Dr. . Tucker** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Gormanous – YEA, Gibson – YEA, Moore - YEA.

SUPERVISION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: APPLICANT/LICENSE FILE REVIEWS [LSA-R.S. 42.17.A(1)]:

Dr. Boggs reviewed the Application for Provisional License of **Andrew L. Frazer, Ph.D.** Finding that this individual had completed the requirements for a provisional license and obtained appropriate supervision, Dr. Boggs moved that the Board approve candidacy status and grant provisional licensure to **Dr. Frazer** in order that he may be admitted to the EPPP while completing the supervision requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed the Applications for Provisional License of **Arielle A. Brown, Ph.D.** Finding that this individual had completed the requirements for a provisional license and obtained appropriate supervision, Dr. Henke moved that the Board approve candidacy status and grant provisional licensure to **Dr. Brown** in order that she may be admitted to the EPPP while completing the supervision requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gormanous reviewed the Applications for Provisional License of **Kara M. Dingess, Ph.D.** and **Taylor M.G. Terrebonne, Ph.D.** Finding that these individuals had completed the requirements for a provisional license and obtained appropriate supervision, Dr. Gormanous moved that the Board approve candidacy status and grant provisional licensure to **Drs. Dingess and Terrebonne** in order that they may be admitted to the EPPP while completing the supervision requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Boggs reviewed the Application for Provisional License of **Margaret A.F. Olivier, Ph.D.** Finding that Dr. Olivier had obtained appropriate supervision and upon receipt of passing Jurisprudence Examination will have completed the requirements for a provisional license, Dr. Moore moved that the Board approve candidacy status and grant provisional licensure to **Dr. Olivier** upon receipt of completed passing Jurisprudence Examination in order that she may be admitted to the EPPP while completing the supervision requirements for licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Margaret A. Smith, Psy.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and invite **Dr. Smith** to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations to complete the licensing process upon receipt of passing Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gibson reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Garet S. Edwards, Ph.D.,** to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and invite **Dr. Edwards** to take the Oral and

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Jurisprudence Examinations to complete the licensing process upon receipt of passing Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gibson reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Jared I. Isreal, Ph.D.**, to the Board. Dr. Gibson requested additional information be provided with regard to supervision documentation. Dr. Gormanous moved that the board affirm Dr. Gibson's authority to request and review that information in order to approve the applicants Candidacy status and invite **Dr. Isreal** to take the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Moore reported that she reviewed and approved Supervised Practice Plans for **Danielle M. Cohn, Sarah P. Fletcher and Jessica Grande**.

All business being completed, Dr. Henke moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30PM The motion passed unanimously.

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