

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 8, 2019

FINAL APPROVED: March 22, 2019

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board or LSBEP) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, February 6, 2019. Dr. Jesse Lambert called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Present were Board Members, Drs. Jesse Lambert, Koren Boggs, Leah Crouch, and Amy Henke; Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic; and Attorney Courtney P. Newton. Drs. Kim VanGeffen and Richard Niolon representing the Louisiana Psychological Association were also present for the meeting.

Dr. Lambert opened the meeting by reading the Board's Declaration of Purpose.

Dr. Boggs moved to approve the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Crouch– YEA, Henke - YEA.

Dr. Boggs moved in favor of delaying the review and approval of the Minutes from January 2019 until Dr. Gormanous arrives. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Crouch– YEA, Henke - YEA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Director Report - Ms. Monic updated the board on the following:

- The 2018 Audit has not been initiated due to being short staffed;
- The LSSP Meeting on March 5, 2019 was rescheduled to March 19, 2019 due to March 5 being Mardi Gras holiday;
- No Update in the matter: Nineteenth Judicial District; Parish of East Baton Rouge, State Of Louisiana, Division D, No.: 643,369: Glenn W. Ahava, Ph.D. v. LSBEP, on Appeal From September 18, 2015, Opinion and Order of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists;
- In the Matter Eric Cerwonka vs. Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists: On February 4, 2019 Judge Caldwell rendered his decision to deny Cerwonka's petition for review and affirm the February 10, 2017 Opinion and Order of the LSBEP in the matter P15-16-03C, which order resulted in the revocation of the license of Eric Cerwonka to practice psychology in Louisiana.
- Ms. Monic requested the board affirm her attendance at the next ASPPB meeting is in Santa Fe, NM April 11-14, 2019 and confirm that no other representatives of the LSBEP would be in attendance. Dr. Henke moved in favor of affirming the previously approved travel and conference attendance; the motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Monic reminded members of approved actions still pending completion including Online Jurisprudence Examination; updated application forms and military application process;
- Members were reminded to submit Expense reports for mileage and per diem reimbursements;
- Ms. Monic reported on her attendance at FARB 1/24/19 – 1/27/19 stating that it was very educational and there were valuable materials and "take-aways" from the experience including guidelines for assessing good moral character, guidance on ensuring consistency across rotating boards and developing rules and policies, our need to develop and work on an "elevator speech" when we have an opportunity or need to educate the public and/or legislators; and balancing anti-competitive regulations with the need to ensure competence and public protection;

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- Members were updated on the initial meeting on 2/12/19 and procedures of the Occupational Licensing Review Commission. Ms. Monic explained timelines and that it would be adding a minimum of 1 month or more to the rulemaking process.

Dr. Gormanous arrived at the meeting, and affirmed his statement of service for the record 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.”*

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards - Dr. Gormanous also reported on his attendance at FARB, independent of the board and served on a panel of presenters at FARB *“Three E’s and a Fee: Education, Examination, Experience”* Dr. Gormanous reiterated what a valuable experience he thought the conference was for both Ms. Monic and board members.

Supervision and Credentials Review Committee – Dr. Crouch reported file reviews would be conducted this date in Executive Session.

Complaints Committee - Reported 6 matters were scheduled to be reviewed this date in Executive Session.

Oral Examination Committee – Dr. Boggs reported 6 oral examinations were scheduled to be conducted this date in Executive Session.

Finance Committee - Financial reports and leave reports were not available for review. No report.

There was no report from the following committees: **Jurisprudence Examination, Long Range Planning, Legislative Oversight or Continuing Professional Development.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. ASPPB, Board Nomination; Fellow Nomination and Ming Fisher Award Nomination – Ms. Monic advised the board of the call for nominations from ASPPB. Dr. Gormanous recommended that Ms. Monic take a look at the candidates eligible to be nominated for the Ming Fisher Award for consideration by the LSBEP for nomination. The board discussed the matter and agreed to review her recommendations for consideration at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Complaint Form review – Ms. Monic provided the board with current forms required for filing a complaint along with a model disclosures currently utilized in Idaho. Ms. Monic requested review of the form and recommended the board approve a similar format for its processes, adding that proper disclosure would aid the public’s understanding of the purpose and limitations of the LSBEP. The members reviewed and discussed the proposed language with input from Attorney Newton. Dr. Henke moved in favor of adopting the memo and transposing it for use on LSBEP’s Request for Investigation form. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Crouch– YEA, Henke – YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

3. LSBEP Resource Page and Disclaimer – Dr. Henke presented this matter and discussed with the board the onslaught of requests for third parties to be included on the Suicide Prevention page posted on www.lsbep.org Dr. Henke, after reviewing the matter and potential liability involved in endorsing links to pages over which the board had no control over the content of the sites; moved that the board provide a disclaimer related to the intent of the page and limit the links to only government links. The board

discussed the matter and unanimously approved the motion and further directed Attorney Newton to draft the disclaimer for the page.

4. Inquiry from Aimee Elrod @ CredentialMed RE Medical Psychologists - The board reviewed and discussed this inquiry from Ms. Elrod regarding conflicting statements regarding the licensure of Medical Psychologists on LSBEP's Online Verification page vs. LSBME's Online Verifications page. The Board reviewed the issue and by motion of Dr. Gormanous, unanimously agreed in favor of sending a letter to LSBME requesting their requirements for a Medical Psychologist to retain their license with the LSBEP for the renewal of their license to practice medical psychology with LSBME. The board further approved Drs. Boggs and Gormanous to facilitate the letter.

5. Proposed Rules: Continuing Education Requirements, Exemptions and Fees (LAC 46:LXIII.) 601, 603, 803, 805, 811, 905 and 4001) - Dr. Crouch again presented this matter and reported on her work with Ms. Monic and Ms. Newton, provided correspondence with the Louisiana Psychological Association on their recommendations for revisions, and suggested other options for facilitating the provision for the board review of continuing professional development. The board thoroughly discussed this matter and affirmed their desire to continue to work on revising Chapter 8 to facilitate this provision. Attorney Newton was directed to work with Dr. Crouch on a new draft for board review.

6. 2018 LSBEP Election [JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2024] – Dr. Henke reviewed the Self-Nominations submitted for the upcoming election to fill the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024 seat on the LSBEP. The motion passed unanimously. The board heard statements from and vetted the credentials following individuals to participate in the 2018 LSBEP Election: Gina L. Beverly, Ph.D., Michelle B. Moore, Psy.D., Lauren W. Rasmussen, Psy.D., and Lisa L. Tropez-Arceneaux, Psy.D. Ms. Monic reported that she would facilitate the election on Simply Voting.

7. Request for AdHoc Committees to assist with and oversee Self-Evaluation Report established by Act 693 of the 2018 Regular Session – Ms. Monic reported on the impending report that would be called on from the LSBEP within the next 4 years. Ms. Rhonda Boe, having recently submitted her report, was invited into the meeting to describe the requirements and her experience with the report. Ms. Monic expressed concern over the currently available staff and resources and requested an AdHoc Committee be established to assist with the compilation, review and to recommend establishing any other resources that may be required to complete the extensive report. The board discussed this matter and approved the establishment of this committee. Drs. Lambert and Boggs volunteered to serve this committee.

8. Health Service Provider and General Applied Psychologist designations - Dr. Boggs reported on her research and status in developing revisions to the Louisiana licensing requirements. The board discussed the matter. Dr. Boggs recommended that the board continue to revise the process in light of recent judicial opinions, to avoid anti-trust issues, and to ensure compliance with statutory requirements. Dr. Henke moved in favor of proceeding as recommended. The motion passed without objection.

University of New Orleans – Laura Scaramella, Ph.D. Chair, Dept. of Psychology and Elliott Beaton, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator and Director of the Stress, Cognition and Affective Neuroscience (SCAN) Laboratory presented at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Developmental Psychology Program at the University of New Orleans (UNO). Drs. Scaramella and Beaton provided an overview of the program and training objectives for students matriculating through the program. Dr. Scaramella explained that since Dr. Frick left UNO, the program has shifted focus toward a research and academics and it is not their intent to train psychologists as clinicians. As the discussion progressed related to specific students, Dr. Boggs moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the credentials of those

students and potential impacts on licensure. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Crouch– YEA, Henke – YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

Dr. Gormanous moved to exit Executive Session. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Crouch– YEA, Henke – YEA, Gormanous - YEA. The following information was recorded for the record:

Based on the information provided by Drs. Scaramella and Beaton related to the developmental program at UNO they:

1. Indicated there was a period of time in which a licensed psychologist did not oversee the program.
2. Indicated that there is not currently a psychologist licensed in Louisiana as part of the full-time faculty in the program.
3. Indicated newly hired faculty may be pursuing psychology licensure.
4. Indicated they intend to pursue licensed psychologists as contract or adjunct faculty to supervise the training activities which constitute the practice of psychology, namely assessment activities.
5. Indicated they would consider appointing a licensed psychologist, once hired, to oversee the Applied Developmental Program.
6. Indicated they do not intend to train individuals specifically for clinical practice, but have allowed students to create a path to licensure themselves via specific practicum experience and course selection.

The Board advised the program on several criteria set forth in Chapter 3, Section 303(C), relating to doctoral programs that are not listed in Designate Doctoral Programs in Psychology nor accredited by the American Psychological Association. Specifically:

1. Criterion 2 which states that "Such a program must specify in pertinent institutional catalogs and brochures its intent to educate and train professional psychologists in an applied area of psychology recognized by the board."
2. Criterion 6 which states that "There must be an identifiable psychology faculty and a psychologist [interpreted to mean licensed psychologist per definitions in the practice act] responsible for the program."
3. Criterion 8 which references the supervised practicum required for licensure
4. Criterion 11 which references required coursework.

The Board also called attention to the requirement that any activities which constitute the practice of psychology in Louisiana must be carried out or supervised by an individual licensed in Louisiana.

The Board also called attention to Chapter 17, Section 1702 (F) which pertains to the requirements for an individual to competently interpret psychological testing as these requirements may relate to program graduates and current students.

The Board emphasized that it is ultimately the responsibility of the applicant to provide sufficient evidence that required criteria for licensure are met, but that, out of respect for the training program at UNO and its history of producing graduates who have successfully pursued licensure, the Board wished to provide some guidance to the program and its potential graduates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dr. Gormanous moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:17.A(4) to review complaints and conduct file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

By motion of Dr. Gormanous, the Board unanimously agreed to close executive session to enter the following into the record:

COMPLAINTS [LSA R.S. 42.17.A(4)]:

1. In the matter P17-18-04C - Ms. Monic provided a status related to Dr. Christopher Garner's compliance with the Consent Order in this matter.

2. In the matter P17-18-05C - Ms. Monic presented a status report related to Dr. Susan Andrews compliance with the Consent Order in this matter. The Board discussed and reviewed documentation. Dr. Lambert moved in favor of affirming compliance, closing the matter and returning Dr. Andrews license to good standing. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

3. In the matter P17-18-10C - Dr. Lambert presented this matter to the board in executive session, having reviewed all of the documentation presented, Dr. Lambert affirmed the recommendation of LSBEP Complaints Coordinator, Dr. Erin Skaff, and finding insufficient evidence to support a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of psychology moved in favor of closing the matter. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

4. P16-17-14C and P17-18-11C – In accordance with La. R.S. 46:906.A., in order to avoid ex parte consultations and in order to preserve the impartiality of board members eligible to serve on future hearing panels in this matter, Drs. Gregory Gormanous and Leah Crouch were recused from and were not present for any discussion of this matter. Attorney Newton provided a current status to the Board members present (Drs. Lambert, Boggs and Henke), including current disposition, and preparation for future proceedings. The committee affirmed proceeding with final notice of charges in the form of the draft administrative complaint, including 30-days to respond accordingly, and invitation to meet face to face with representatives of the Complaints Committee (including Attorney Newton, Dr. Boggs (Board Member), Dr. Mark Vigen (Complaints Coordinator) and Investigator Tony McCoy).

5. P17-18-07B and NP17-18-12B – Attorney Newton provided a status related to the continuing investigation of these matters.

6. In the matter filed by PC, Received 12/28/2018 - Dr. Lambert presented this matter to the board in executive session, having reviewed all of the documentation presented by the complainant, Dr. Lambert affirmed the recommendation of LSBEP Complaints Coordinator, Dr. Sasha Lambert, and finding insufficient evidence to support a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of psychology moved in favor of closing the matter. Dr. Gormanous seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

Further, following discussion and considering the issues considered in Executive Session related to selecting evaluators to facilitate the provisions of La. R.S. 37:2356.H. or other agreement, where a psychologist is required to submit to an independent evaluation in order to determine their ability to safely provide psychological services to clients/patients. By motion of Dr. Boggs, the board unanimously approved and directed Ms. Monic to put out a call for interested psychologists to be vetted for inclusion on a **board approved evaluator list**. Specifically noting a need for psychologists with proficiencies in evaluating: psychological, neuropsychological, forensic, substance abuse, fitness for duty and psychosexual issues. The board will review and approve psychologists for inclusion based on their letters of interest, vita and redacted sample reports. The board approved Dr. Crouch to review the letter prior to distribution.

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

Megan Brokenbough, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Lambert, Boggs, and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. The board discussed **Dr. Brokenbough's** performance and qualifications in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Brokenbough** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Brokenbough** 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: Lambert- YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous – YEA.

Clifton S. Mixon, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Crouch and Gormanous for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. The board discussed **Dr. Mixon's** performance and qualifications in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Mixon** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Mixon** 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: Lambert- YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous – YEA.

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

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

Sadie Doll, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Lambert, Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. The board discussed **Dr. Doll's** performance and qualifications in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Doll** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Doll** 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: Lambert-YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous – YEA.

Janaki F. Flint, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Crouch and Gormanous for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. The board discussed **Dr. Flint's** performance and qualifications in executive session. Finding that **Dr. Flint** has met the qualifications for licensure and received the required training for practice in the area of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Flint** 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: Lambert- YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous – YEA.

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

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the completed Application for Provisional Licensure for **Heather Ellingson, Psy.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and approve Dr. Ellingson for a Provisional License for practice under the supervision of Thomandra Sam, Ph.D. pending receipt of passing scores on the state Jurisprudence Examination. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the completed Application for Provisional Licensure for **Lacey V. Moffatt, Psy.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and approve Dr. Moffatt for a Provisional License for practice under the supervision of Laura Brown, Ph.D. pending receipt of passing scores on the state Jurisprudence Examination. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the completed Application for Provisional Licensure for **Timothy W. Overton, Psy.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and approve Dr. Overton for a Provisional License for practice under the supervision of Michelle Carroll, Psy.D. pending receipt of passing scores on the state Jurisprudence Examination. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Sarah K. Thomas, Psy.D. (Provisional License #1408)** to the Board with a motion confirm the applicants Candidacy status and invite Dr. Thomas to take the Oral Examination to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Sarah R. Black, Psy.D.**, to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and invite **Dr. Black** to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lambert reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Dani S. Archie, Ph.D.**, to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and invite **Dr. Archie** to take the

Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Justin H. Ory, Ph.D.**, to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and invite **Dr. Ory** to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations to complete the licensing process, upon receipt of passing EPPP scores. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed the Temporary Registration of **Drs. Benjamine David Hill** (Alabama) and **Karen Bronk Froming** (California). Dr. Crouch, finding the requirements for Temporary Registration had been met and were suitable for a temporary practice provision, recommended the Board approve the Temporary Registrations of Drs. **Hill and Froming**. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reported the review and approval of Supervised Practice Plan(s) for Sean A. LaJaunie, Ph.D.