

**Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday, June 5, 2020**

**Final Approved: 8/21/2020**

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board or LSBEP) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, June 3, 2020. Board Chair, Dr. Koren Boggs, called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 2020 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

**Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Drs. Koren Boggs, Amy Henke, Gregory Gormanous, Gina Gibson and Mr. Darren “Chance” McNeely

Staff Present: Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic and Compliance Office, Justin Owens

Board Members Absent: Michelle Moore

Guests Present: LPA Representatives: Dr. Kim VanGeffen, (in partial attendance); Dr. Matt Holcomb, Dr. Richard Nilon and Dr. Erin Reuther (partial attendance); and CERTEMY Representatives: (in partial attendance for presentation) Mary Alice Olson, Jamie Smith, Shawn Cantor (Chief Operating Officer), Oleg Shvarts (President) and Juaquin Chavez (Vice President)

Dr. Michelle Moore joined the meeting to check in and introduce Baby Audry Ann Moore to the Board. The Board moved unanimously in favor of formally noting for the record that Baby Audry is adorable! Following a brief appearance, Dr. Moore and Baby Audry left the meeting.

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.”

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. Monic affirmed that due to COVID19, the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was unable to meet in person for quorum requirements and therefore is holding this board meeting online via Zoom.us., and in accordance with Proclamation JBE2020 – 30, Section 4, and 38-JBE-2020(J) at : Join Zoom Meeting at

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**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Dr. Henke moved to approve the agenda as posted. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Moore

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board discussed the draft Minutes of May 20, 2020. Dr. Gormanous moved to approve the minutes as discussed and amended. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Moore

**MEETING WITH CERTEMY TO REVIEW IT PROPOSAL:** Dr. Boggs opened the meeting with Representatives from CERTEMY to discuss the presentation and proposal prepared for Ms. Monic and Mr. McNeely related to their product for streamlining workflows through a web-based application to automate online applications, licensing and renewals. The board asked questions regarding the application related to forms of payment accepted; who their customer base was; what the start-up phase would entail, what CERTEMY's relationship was with ASPPB. Dr. Matt Holcomb commented that he would be in favor of processes that streamline applications, noting his personal experience applying for a license in another state. Following discussion, Dr. Gormanous moved in favor of accepting the proposal submitted from CERTEMY to enter into a 5-year agreement with CERTEMY and to allocate funds in the amount of \$5,000/year for up to 800 users. Dr. Gormanous further moved that Ms. Monic be delegated the authority to review, negotiate and approve the terms of the agreement with the authorized amount and submit the agreement for approval through the Office of State Procurement, Contracts. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (1) Moore

**OUTGOING ADDRESS, CHAIRPERSON DR. KOREN BOGGS:** Ms. Monic acknowledged this date was the last meeting for Dr. Boggs as Chairperson for the LSBEP. Dr. Boggs exercised her privilege to addressing board members, licensees and the public as follows:

*“As my five-year term as a member, Vice Chair, and then Chair of the LSBEP comes to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for this experience. I am grateful for the opportunity to have represented our profession as a public servant entrusted with carrying out the mission of protecting the people of Louisiana through the regulation of the practice of psychology. It is, in some ways, a logical extension of my motives in entering the profession in the first place. I imagine it is the reason many of us chose this field – because we care about people and the human experience and feel compelled to do what we can to help people*

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*have better days. That, at its core, is the foundation of service on this Board, as well. As a Board member, there is a delicate balance to strike between identifying as a psychologist and member of the industry and fulfilling the role of a regulator whose primary obligation is to the public. I am grateful for the support of those who understand that balance. I am grateful for those who challenge me to think about and justify my statements and positions, and to consider alternate perspectives, as that is how we all learn. I am grateful for past Board members whose commitment to serving the public was steadfast, even in the face of sometimes harsh and unwarranted criticism. I am grateful for my own experience in this role and the exposure to the experience of persisting despite harsh and sometimes unwarranted criticism. I am grateful for the wisdom that each and every Board member I have served with has brought to the table. I have learned so much from having thoughtful and respectful discussions about significant issues which impact so many. I am grateful for the colleagues who understand the magnitude of the responsibility we are given as psychologists and Board members.*

*It is my sincere hope that the mission of this Board continue, with a collaborative and unifying focus on continuing to self-regulate our profession to the benefit of our community at large. By protecting the public we serve, we strengthen the profession we chose. I encourage all psychologists in this state to consider serving on the Board. No member of this professional community is more valuable than another, and all our voices are important and powerful. Consider serving the public and the profession, regardless of your location in the state or years in practice or connections in the community. Each and every psychologist has a unique perspective to offer which deserves respect. I especially encourage those who have felt marginalized for any reason to consider serving on the Board. Diversity at the table is critical, and all should have the chance for a seat. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you. I hope I've served you well, and I look forward to continuing to work together to strengthen our community for the benefit of all."*

Following Dr. Boggs' address, Dr. Gormanous offered the following **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION:**

*Whereas the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists is created under La. R.S. 37:2351 to safeguard life, health, property and the public welfare of the state and in order to protect the people of the state against unauthorized, unqualified, and improper application of psychology; and*

*Whereas Board members serve without compensation but shall receive seventy-five dollars per diem allowance plus the mileage rate provided state employees to cover expenses incurred while engaged in the discharge of their duties; and*

*Whereas Koren Boggs, Ph.D. was appointed by the Governor on July 21, 2019 and confirmed by the Louisiana Senate; and*

*Whereas Dr. Koren Boggs has served the people of the state by protecting consumers of psychological services diligently, responsibly, and conscientiously; and*

*Whereas Koren Boggs, Ph.D. was elected Vice Chairperson and Chairperson during her Board tenure; and*

*Whereas Dr. Boggs' tenure included addressing extraordinary Board challenges in the area of complaints and lawsuits and extraordinary challenges during the corona virus pandemic; and*

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Whereas Dr. Boggs upheld the quality of her professional responsibilities in her practice of psychology, and as Board Chairperson; and

Whereas Dr. Boggs is committed and dedicated “beyond expectations” in all that she does; and,

Whereas her commitment is manifest in her meeting the challenges to “insure (sic)” the Board protect the people of the state against unauthorized, unqualified, and improper application of psychology; and,

Whereas her initiatives in aligning policies, procedures, processes, internal forms, and practices “insured (sic)” significant progress in the efficiencies and effectiveness of the Board’s functioning.

It therefore is resolved by motion of Dr. Gregory Gormanous that the Board extend its appreciation to Koren Boggs, Ph.D. for her outstanding service and commends her for shepherding the Board through difficult legal and professional challenges.

Be it further resolved that Koren Boggs, Psy.D, be proclaimed as *Empress of Louisiana Regulatory Psychology* and extended the heartfelt appreciation and gratitude of fellow Board members as she continues fulfilling her professional services to consumers of psychological services.

Be it further resolved that the Board authorize Ms. Jaime Monic, Executive Director, to affix the official Board seal to the *Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation*, and to publicize and disseminate the Resolution as widely as feasible.

The resolution having been submitted to a vote of the majority of the LSBEP, the vote thereon was as follows: For, (5) Gregory Gormanous, Amy Henke, Gina Gibson, Chance McNeely (0) Against, (0) Abstained, (1) Absent, Michelle Moore (0) Vacant Seats; Whereupon this Resolution was declared adopted by the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists on this, the 5<sup>TH</sup> day of JUNE, 2020.

## **COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

The Board received Committee and Liaison reports as follows:

1. Executive Director Report – Ms. Monic reported that the Executive Committee has continued its Weekly Wednesday Update series and an item was placed on the agenda for discussing the future of the weekly newsletter. Ms. Monic reported that the LPA convention was canceled and therefore LSBEP would not be presenting. Ms. Monic reminded board members of the requirement to submit documentation of Sexual Harassment Training. Ms. Monic reported a Call for Nominations for the upcoming vacancy on the LSSP Committee had been published. The vacancy requires a licensed psychologist specializing in School Psychology. No volunteers had submitted their name for the seat to date.
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3. Finance Committee - Ms. Monic reported she had not received Financial Reports for May 2020. Dr. Boggs reported she reviewed and approved Leave Reports for Ms. Monic. She noted that these review and approvals are being conducted electronically using Adobe Acrobat. Ms. Monic Reported she reviewed and approved Leave Reports for Mr. Owens.
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5. Oral Examination Committee – No Report.
6. Jurisprudence Examination Committee- No report.

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7. Legislative Oversight Committee – Update on AdHoc Legislative Collaborative Committee (ALCC) - Ms. Monic reported that the ALCC has continued to meet and discuss the proposed legislation. Mr. McNeely reported that the meetings were collaborative and moving in a good direction. Mr. McNeely also reported that although the 2020 Regular Session had ended, there would potentially be a Special Session called but it was not clear if there would be an opportunity to have our bill heard at that time, it is more likely to refile in the 2021 Regular Session. Ms. Monic and Dr. Gormanous provided updates to the Board related to the status of legislative instruments from the 2020 Regular Legislative session including HCR 71, SB466, HB685, HB613, HB685, HB 515, HB 498, HB6.

8. Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards - Dr. Gormanous reported that APA had made a transition from using “telehealth” to “telepsychology”. Dr. Gormanous reported that he received the “ok” from ASPPB to share some of their education resources with board members and also members of the ALCC, which resources make strong arguments about the necessity of regulation.

(NEW) Public and Professional Outreach Committee – Dr. Boggs appointed Mr. McNeely to serve on this committee with Dr. Henke and Michelle Moore.

Continuing Professional Development Committee – Dr. Henke reiterated the waiver, in response to the COVID-19 emergency, of 25% of required hours plus elimination of the requirement that CPD be from two of the nine subcategories.

Supervision/Credentials Committee - Dr. Henke reported that file reviews would be conducted in Executive session.

Complaints Committee -

**a. Complaint Status Report** - Mr. Owens presented his Compliance Report for the period 05/20/20 - 06/05/20

- Total number of Requests for Investigations received since last meeting: **0**
- Total number of Board initiated investigations since last meeting: **0**
- Total number of Open investigations: **17**
  - **13** are Formal Complaints
    - **2** from FY17-18
    - **3** from FY18-19
    - **8** from FY19-20
  - **4** are Under review/Respondent not yet noticed
- Total number of cases closed (as of today’s vote): **1**
- Disciplinary Actions: **0**
- Applications w/ Arrest Info: **1**

**b.** Ms. Monic reported the Notice of Hearing in the Matter of Eric Cerwonka, Psy.D., License No. 1020 LSBEP Complaint Number: P16-17-14C (Consolidated with P17-18-11C). Docketed on Thursday, September 24, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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11. Long Range Planning Committee – Dr. Gormanous requested that in order to memorialize forward progress in planning for long-term goals, that the outgoing Chair give a summary speech related to her goals, the progress made, and the progress yet to be achieved as the board moves forward.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. **LSSP Committee request for Board Opinion related to practice models for an LSSP, specifically, does the LSSP have to personally have a direct contractual relationship with a Local Educational Agency (LEA) vs. another mediating agency providing reimbursement that agency being the fiscal agent? In other words, is it appropriate for an LSSP to work in a school system under the umbrella of a mediating agency, where that agency is contracted with the LEA and providing reimbursement to the LSSP.**

Ms. Monic reported that on March 3, 2020, Ms. Lydia Benoit provided comments during the LSSP Committee meeting, raising the question related to the practice of an LSSP. The Board rendered an opinion that the LSSP may provide school psychology services through school or organization that the LSSP is contracted or employed with, as long as the originating referral of a student comes directly from a school, and that referral is for the purposes of obtaining an educational evaluation for student services within the school system; no referral may be accepted by an individual, guardian, parent, or other third party to provide independent psychological services to the public.

2. **COVID19: Updates, Temporary Registrations, Tele-supervision Applications and any other matters related to LSBEP's response to the COVID 19 emergency.**

The board discussed the continuation of Weekly Wednesday Updates and agreed they should continue. The board discussed continuing to waive the fee for Tele-supervision Applications, following discussion, the board agreed to waive fees through July 31, 2020. The board discussed the status of Emergency Temporary Registrations, how they were being applied and implemented. After considering that none of the ETR's were being used to provide gratuitous services in response to an emergency, the board agreed to phase out the waivers and allow those who were previously granted an ETR the opportunity to convert to a regular Temporary Registration without the need to reapply, but requiring the payment of the \$125 application fee and passing Jurisprudence Examination and \$75 fee.

3. **2020 Renewals – Electronic Renewal Certificates**

Ms. Monic reported renewals were set to open on July 1, 2020. Ms. Monic shared the template for the electronic renewal certificate. The board reviewed and approved the electronic certificates to be drafted and emailed for the 2020 renewal period.

4. **ASPPB Guidelines for Closing a Practice**

Ms. Monic shared ASPPB's guidelines for closing a practice. No action was taken on this item.

5. **ASPPB Toolkit for Education and Advocacy**

Ms. Monic shared ASPPB's Toolkit for Education and Advocacy. No action was taken on this item.

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## **6. Review La. Physical Therapy Board Legislative Audit**

Ms. Monic shared the La. PT Board's Legislative Audit report. The Board discussed staff time and resources and requested Ms. Monic look into requesting an audit of this nature.

**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 consider complaint matters. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) Moore

Dr. Gormanous moved to close Executive Session to enter the Open Meeting and report on Executive Session matters. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) Moore

### **COMPLAINTS [LSA-R.S.42.17.A(4):**

NP19-20-02C (J. Owens) – Mr. Owens presented this matter, filed against a non-psychologist, to the board in executive session. Having a complete investigation and following board review, Dr. Henke moved in favor of notifying the District Attorney in the appropriate jurisdiction and the Texas Board of Examiners of Psychologist. Following review. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (5) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) Moore

### **SUPERVISION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: File Reviews [LSA-R.S. 42.17.A(1)]**

Dr. Henke reviewed the Application for Respecialization in Clinical Psychology for Dr. Patrick Bell. Dr. Henke agreed to provide feedback on missing information.

Dr. Boggs reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Nahaal BT Binazir, Psy.D.** and **Madison Silverstein, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to approve the applicants Candidacy status and admit to the EPPP. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed the Temporary Registration of **Drs. Nicole Kay Albertson** (Maryland), and **David Hector Howard** (Mississippi). Finding the requirements for Temporary Registration had been met and were suitable for a temporary practice provision, Dr. Henke recommended the Board approve the Temporary Registrations of **Drs. Albertson and Howard**. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 4:05 p.m., Dr. Henke moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (4) Boggs, Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, McNeely; Against: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: (1) Moore

#### LEGAL NOTICES

La. R.S. 37:23.2 - In compliance with La. R.S. 37:23.2, the LSBEP hereby gives notice to its licensees and applicants of their opportunity to file a complaint about board actions and board procedures. You may submit such complaints to one or more of the following organizations: Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists: Submit in writing to: LSBEP, 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, #C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816; [admin.lsbep@la.gov](mailto:admin.lsbep@la.gov); (225)925-6511; Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives: Submit to: [H&GA@legis.la.gov](mailto:H&GA@legis.la.gov) or Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of

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LA R.S. 42.14.D. Public comments\*\* – In accordance with LA R.S. 42.14.D., the LSBEP shall allow public comments at any point in the meeting prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. Individuals who wish to comment on a matter must sign in and state their intent to comment on a matter.

La. R.S. 44:33.1 - In compliance with La. R.S. 44:33.1, the LSBEP hereby gives notice that information submitted to the LSBEP may become public record pursuant to the provisions of Louisiana Public Records Law, La. R.S. 44:1, et seq.

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