

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 29, 2018 and
Friday, November 30, 2018

FINAL APPROVED: December 14, 2018

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Dr. Jesse Lambert called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Sherwood Oaks Office Park, Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Present were Board Members, Drs. Jesse Lambert, Koren Boggs, Amy Henke, Leah Crouch, and Gregory Gormanous; Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic; and Attorney Courtney P. Newton.

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

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

Ms. Monic reported that October minutes were not complete for review.

8:45 a.m – 9:45 a.m. Attorney Courtney P. Newton presented the annual anti-trust training to Board Members, Drs. Jesse Lambert, Koren Boggs, Amy Henke, Leah Crouch, Gregory Gormanous and Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic

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, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

By motion of Dr. Henke, 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 filed by CF – Dr. Lambert and Attorney Newton presented this matter in redacted form to the board in executive session, along with the Complaints Coordinator's recommendation for dismissal. Following discussion, the Board did not agree there was enough information available to affirm the recommendation for dismissal. Dr. Henke moved to remand the matter for further investigation. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

2. In the matter filed by ER and AH, on 10/26/2018 – Dr. Henke presented this matter to the board in executive session with evidence against an unlicensed individual representing himself as a psychologist in Louisiana. Following discussion, Dr. Gormanous moved in favor of proceeding with notice and investigation of the matter, a letter of education to the employing agency, and also reporting the information to the district attorney of the respective parish in

accordance with LA 37:2360. The motion passed by majority roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA. Dr. Henke, recused herself from this vote.

3. **P17-18-05C** – Dr. Lambert and Attorney Newton presented this matter to the board in executive session with proposed consent order signed by the respondent. Following review and discussion, Dr. Gormanous moved in favor of accepting the proposed consent order in with revisions to alleged violations. Ms. Newton advised that the respondent would be given the opportunity to accept the revisions or reject them and proceed to hearing. The board approved the motion to accept as revised by majority roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

4. **P17-18-04C** – The pending resolution to this item was not received. There was no discussion of this item in executive session.

5. **P18-19-01C** – Dr. Lambert presented this matter to the board in executive session advising the board that a face-to-face was initiated and occurred between the respondent, the respondent’s attorney’s, and LSBEP Complaints Committee assigned this matter, including himself, Attorney Courtney P. Newton, Investigator Henry Richardson and Ms. Monic. Following the meeting, the committee recommended dismissal with a letter of education. The board discussed the matter thoroughly. The board unanimously approved the motion to dismiss the matter as non-disciplinary, with a letter of recommendation as follows: Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

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

Dr. Lambert reviewed and presented the Application for Provisional Licensure for **Danielle N. Moyer, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status and approve her for a Provisional License. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lambert reviewed and presented the completed Application for Respecialization in Clinical Neuropsychology of **Alyse Blanchard, Ph.D.**, to the Board with a motion to invite Dr. Blanchard to take the Oral Examination for Respecialization. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the completed Application for License of **Dena M. Abbott, Ph.D.**, to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status invite Dr. Abbott to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gormanous reviewed and presented the completed Application for License of **Amy J. Mikolajewski, Ph.D.**, to the Board with a motion to confirm the applicants Candidacy status invite Dr. Becker to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations to complete the licensing process. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crouch reviewed the Temporary Registration of **Dr. Russell D. Pella** (Oklahoma). Dr. Crouch, finding the requirements for Temporary Registration had been met, recommended the Board approve **Dr. Pella's** registration pending receipt of passing jurisprudence examination. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reported that she reviewed and approved Supervised Practice Plan(s) for Lacey V. Moffatt, Psy.D.

Dr. Gormanous reviewed the annual attestation required of Lisa C. Abbrecht, Psy.D. concerning citizenship process.

The board reviewed the application files for license of Drs. Brittany Rae Joslyn and Mariblanch Bush-King.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Board received the following committee reports:

Finance Committee Report - Dr. Lambert reported that he reviewed and approved Leave Reports for Ms. Monic. The Board reviewed and by motion of Dr. Henke accepted the Financial Statements for October 2018 prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA. Ms. Monic reported annual dues were due to continue membership in ASPPB and funds were previously budgeted. By motion of Dr. Henke, the Board affirmed continuing membership with ASPPB, roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

Long Range Planning/Awards Committee – Dr. Gormanous reported the LRP Meeting and Awards Ceremony would occur tomorrow, November 30, 2018. The board reviewed the items on the Long Range Planning meeting agenda. Attorney Newton reviewed her presentation with the Board.

Oral Examination Committee Report – Dr. Boggs reported 4 oral examinations were scheduled for today.

Complaints Committee - Attorney Newton advised the board that in the matter P17-18-04C, she had not heard from the respondent/respondent's attorney regarding the previous amendments made to the consent order accepted by the board in executive session at their meeting on October 26, 2018. Ms. Newton provided the board with a draft Administrative Complaint signed by Complaints Coordinator, Sasha J. Lambert, Ph.D. and requested that the board set a date for hearing. Dr. Gormanous affirmed the filing of the Administrative Complaint and moved in favor of setting a date for hearing the case. The Board discussed the matter thoroughly. The board approved the motion to accept the filing of the Administrative Complaint and set a date for hearing as follows: Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA. Dr. Lambert recused himself from this matter. The Board reviewed their calendars and set the hearing date for January 24 and 25, 2019.

There were no reports from the following: Executive Director Report, Supervision/Credentials Review, Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards Report, Continuing Professional Development Committee, Jurisprudence Examination Committee, Legislative Oversight Committee Report

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Policies and Procedures** – The Board reviewed the final draft of the previously approved amendments to the LSBEP Policies and Procedures Manual. Dr. Lambert moved to affirm the draft. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Election Process/Board Member Qualification Review** – In preparation for the opening and vetting of nominations. The Board reviewed the policy and statutory regulations related to the election process.
3. **Record Retention Policy** – Due to time constraints the board did not have time for discussion of this matter. However, Ms. Monic did give an overview of this topic to be discussed at a later date.
4. **Forms Review** - Due to time constraints the board did not have time for discussion of this matter.
5. **Hearing Decorum** – The board discussed the format, structure and expectations for hearing public comments on rules in anticipation for the November 30, 2018 public comments hour related to proposed rules. The board affirmed the time limit and structure previously approved October 26, 2018.

LRP AGENDA REVIEW AND PREPARATION:

1. **Licensing and Credentialing: a) Non-applied track toward licensure (i.e. Developmental Psychology; Industrial Organizational; b) Applied Health Care Specialty/Applied General Psychology (previously docketed as:Non-applied Health Care Specialty); c)Tulane School Psychology program serving as a specialty program from school psychology to clinical; d)Masters Level License.**

The Board discussed these topics in anticipation for the Long Range Planning Meeting discussion with former Board Members and Association Executive Leaders.

2. **EPPP 2 – Option for early adoption vs. Traditional examination process** - The Board discussed these topics in anticipation for the Long Range Planning Meeting discussion with former Board Members and Association Executive Leaders.

3. **2018-19 RULEMAKING a) Telepsychology; b) Reciprocal Licensing; c) Disciplinary Process-**

The Board discussed the status telepsychology and disciplinary process initiatives previously approved. The Board discussed Reciprocal Licensing in anticipation for the Long Range Planning Meeting discussion with former Board Members and Association Executive Leaders.

Dr. Boggs moved to reenter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:17.A(4) to review conduct oral examinations pursuant to LSA-R.S.42.16.1. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

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

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

Sarah A. Fontenelle, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Crouch and Gormanous for an oral examination for licensure in Developmental Psychology. Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Fontenelle** be granted a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Developmental 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.

Brandon John Waits, Ph.D appeared before Board Members, Drs. Lambert, Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Counseling Psychology. Dr. Boggs moved that **Dr. Waits** 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: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

Billie C. Myers, Ph.D appeared before Board Members, Drs. Lambert, Boggs and Henke for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Henke moved that **Dr. Myers** 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.

Heather Larrazolo, Ph.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Crouch and Gormanous for an oral examination for licensure in School Psychology. Dr. Gormanous moved that **Dr. Larrazolo** 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.

Sean I. Gibbs, Psy.D. appeared before Board Members, Drs. Lambert, Boggs, Henke, Crouch and Gormanous for an oral examination for licensure in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Boggs moved that **Dr. Gibbs** 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.

Dr. Boggs moved to adjourn the meeting for the day at 5:15PM. The motion passed unanimously.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018:

The Long Range Planning meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Dr. Jesse Lambert called the meeting to order late, due to traffic delays, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 30, 2018 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Sherwood Oaks Office Park, Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Present were Board Members, Drs. Jesse Lambert, Koren Boggs, Amy Henke, Leah Crouch, and Gregory Gormanous; Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic; and Attorney Courtney P. Newton. Also present were former Board Members Drs. Marc Zimmermann and Joseph Comaty; LPA Representatives Drs. Julie Nelson (LPA President), Kim VanGeffen (LPA Liaison to LSBEP), Lucinda DeGrange (LPA Past President) and in partial attendance Dr. Alan Coulter, guest of honor, Dr. Phillip T. Griffin

Dr. Lambert welcomed guests, facilitated introductions, and read the Board's Declaration of Purpose.

Elections for Board Vacancy occurring June 30, 2019: The Board opened one Self-Nominations from Drs. Tammy Savoie and Thomandra Sam. The Board reviewed their credentials for vetting. Ms. Monic informed the Board that while both applicants had impressive vitas and were licensed for more than 5 years as a psychologist in other jurisdictions, neither candidate had been licensed specifically with the LSBEP for a minimum of 5 years as required under La. R.S. 37:2353.A.(3)(a). The Board discussed this provision and its purpose. Following discussion, by motion of Dr. Gormanous, the board unanimously approved an extension to the nominations process for an additional 30 days following notice. LPA President, Julie Nelson stated that LPA would also notice their membership to assist. The board also agreed to notify the Governor's office of Boards and Commissions of the delay/reasons for the delay. Dr. Gormanous also recommended that in the future, the heading on the nominations form be changed from "Self-Nomination..." to only "Nominations..."

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Licensing and Credentialing:

a) Non-applied track toward licensure (i.e. Developmental Psychology; Industrial Organizational; b) Applied Health Care Specialty/Applied General Psychology (previously docketed as: Non-applied Health Care Specialty); c) Tulane School Psychology program serving as a specialty program from school psychology to clinical - The group discussed these items in combination because they were related to the same credentialing and licensing issues that the board is facing. Specifically, whether to move away from specialty designations toward healthcare, (Applied Health Care Provider [HCP]) or non-healthcare (Applied General Psychology [GP]) designations, which discussion ties into defining scope of practice for the developmental psychologist or individuals who graduate from specialized programs such as Tulane University's school psychology program. Discussion participants favored the development of the HCP/GP designations; however also valued their specialized training programs and the specialty designations. Participants also discussed the problems of trying to set boundaries with specialties when they are so similarly related. Attorney Newton advised that defining the specialty designation as a baseline in the licensing process, as the board does now, is

important. Ms. Monic suggested a combined model where the board moves toward an HCP license and a GP license designation and then defines what training models/programs/credentials would be required to be licensed under one or the other. There was also discussion related to respecializing from HCP to GP, or vice versa, and competency development in in practice. With favorable support, Dr. Greg Gormanous moved that the Board begin the process of establishing in principle, and developing a model for the designations of either applied healthcare provider or applied general psychologist. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Lambert – YEA, Boggs- YEA, Henke – YEA, Crouch– YEA, Gormanous - YEA.

d)Masters Level License - Dr. Henke reported that this was not a developing item, but that the board was keeping a close eye on the initiatives in Texas and APA’s progression toward this model.

2. **EPPP 2 – Option for early adoption vs. Traditional examination process** - Dr. Henke discussed the “Jurisdictional Update on the Enhanced EPPP” issued by ASPPB and the impacts on licensure and regulation by LSBEP including the impacts of item #5 “Only applicants who are registered through a jurisdiction that has adopted the Enhanced Exam, and who have passed the knowledge portion of the exam, will be allowed to take the skills portion of the exam” and item #7: **Fees for the skills portion of the exam**, not including test center and jurisdictional fees will be: a. \$300 for early adopters – from exam launch through December 31, 2021. Dr. Henke reported that the board had made no decision to become an early adopter. The board is planning to address these issues with ASPPB. Drs. Nelson, VanGeffen and Zimmermann discussed their continuing concerns related to the exam and encouraged the board to seek alternate options for licensing examinations.

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With time left on the schedule, Dr. Lambert offered open discussion and for the meeting participants to bring any concerns they would like to see the board address in 2019. Dr. Griffin requested the board consider ways to expedite the provisional licensing process. The Board discussed ways this could be accomplished and agreed to look into the matter further.

At 11:45, Dr. Gormanous moved to adjourn the meeting and proceed to the Awards Luncheon. The motion passed without objection.

At 1:30PM the meeting was called to order by Dr. Jesse Lambert. Attorney Courtney P. Newton presented on the “*Role of the Board in Public Protection, Assessing Competence and Continuing Education*”

At 2:30PM the meeting was open to Public Comment, Attorney Newton presented the procedures of the formal comment period, including notifying the participants of the 3 minute limit and addressing unruly participants.

The Board received comments from the following individuals objecting to the rule changes as summarized below:

1. Dr. Julie Nelson individually and on behalf of the Louisiana Psychological Association –

Presented Oral and Written comments objecting to the rule changes on the basis that, in her opinion, the current approved list of sponsors are satisfactory; the board would be overstepping its authority to approve additional sponsors of continuing education; the board lacked qualifications to review and approve continuing education and that charge should be left to the citizen group. Her written comments included objections that “1) There are thousands of providers now in the seven categories listed in the current rule..”; “2) The Board has made errors in this area before and so could again.”; and “3) Decisions such as approving individual training sponsors (in contrast to identifying categories of sponsors) are not the Board’s role. The Board must focus on the bottom of the distribution (law enforcement), while the private sector focuses on the middle and top...These two roles should remain separate, along with the details and functions that go with them, so that individuals retain the most control over that which is their private property and their rights.”

2. Dr. Kim VanGeffen – presented oral comments that she had no issue with the board assessing the currently established criteria, but was confused by the rules as they are written as they appear to create new sponsors for continuing professional development and potentially anti-trust issues.

3. Dr. Thomas Hannie – stated that he was in favor of continuing education, and self-reported that he was on the board that initiated the requirements for continuing education, however he opposed the current rule stating that it was confusing and that he was not in favor of supporting any changes that caused more confusion.

At 3:00PM Dr. Lambert called the comments period to an end. Dr. Henke moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.