

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: June 27, 2014
APPROVED: July 18, 2014

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:35 a.m., **Friday, June 27, 2014**, at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Rita Culross, Darla Burnett, Jessica Brown, Phil Griffin; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Dr. Marc Zimmermann was absent. Dr. Lucinda DeGrange-LPA Representative, Mike Dooley-The Psychology Times, and Dr. Tom Hannie were also in partial attendance for the public hour.

Dr. Brown moved to accept the June 27, 2014 agenda. Motion passed unanimously without opposition.

Dr. Brown moved that the minutes of May 30, 2014 be accepted. Motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Burnett-yay, Brown-yay and Griffin-yay.

Pursuant to **LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4)**, Dr. Culross moved to enter Executive Session to review legal matters, conduct oral exams and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: Culross-yay, Burnett-yay, Brown –yay and Griffin-yay.

Dr. Culross moved to close Executive Session to enter the following:

Oral Examinations:

L. Suzanne Klenck, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant **Dr. Klenck** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Matthew Todd Bell, Psy.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant **Dr. Bell** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Jill West, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for an oral examination in School Psychology. Dr. Brown moved that the Board grant **Dr. West** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in School Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously. Dr. West elected to delay her active licensure date until August 1, 2014.

Donna Sue Bender, Ph.D. successfully passed the Jurisprudence examination and met with the Board as required for licensure via CPQ reciprocity. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant **Dr. Bender** a license to practice psychology in Louisiana with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously. Dr. Bender elected to delay her active licensure date until August 1, 2014.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

Dr. Griffin reviewed the application for licensure files of Anna Long, Ph.D., Jacquelyn Braud, Ph.D., Lore M. Dickey, Ph.D., Christina Stabler, Ph.D. and Kimberly Smith, Ph.D. . Dr. Griffin moved to approve their candidacy status and invite them to take the licensing examinations. The Board discussed the files and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Culross reviewed the file of John Hamilton, Ph.D., along with his criminal background report and response. Dr. Culross moved to accept the documents and allow Dr. Hamilton to continue with the licensure process. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Culross reviewed the file of Chavez Phelps, Ph.D., along with his criminal background report and response. Dr. Culross moved to accept the documents. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Culross moved to require Dr. Phelps to update the Board in the future. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Burnett-yay, Brown-yay and Griffin-yay.

Dr. Culross reviewed the Texas reciprocity application file of George Grimes, Ph.D. Dr. Culross pointed out that Dr. Grimes's doctoral program did not meet the reciprocity requirements because it did not involve at least one continuous academic year of full time residency on the campus of the institution at which the degree was granted. The Board discussed Dr. Grimes file. Dr. Culross moved to deny candidacy status to Dr. Grimes. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Brown-yay, Griffin-yay and Burnett-yay.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and moved to approve the Supervised Practice Plans of: Candi Hill, Ph.D. and Michael Lobrano, Ph.D. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by full vote of the Board.

Dr. Burnett also reviewed and moved to approve the non-APA internship programs of: Candi Hill, Ph.D. and Michael Lobrano, Ph.D. The Board discussed the programs and motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Brown reviewed and moved to approve the temporary registrations of Robert Porter, Ph.D., Krishnan Mohandie, Ph.D., and Angela Donahue, Ph.D. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Culross reviewed correspondence and documentation submitted by Sharissa Taylor, Ph.D. regarding the denial of her application. Ms. Parker also updated the Board regarding the information obtained from the Attorney General's Office. The Board discussed the materials presented. Dr. Culross moved to deny the appeal request and stand by the Board's previous decision to deny the application. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Brown-yay.

Dr. Brown reviewed the request for Emeritus status of S. Hugh Bryan, Ph.D. Dr. Brown noted that Dr. Bryan met the age requirement and was working part-time. Dr. Brown moved

to grant Emeritus status to Dr. Bryan. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culcross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Brown-yay, Griffin-yay and Burnett-yay.

Dr. Brown reviewed the request for Emeritus status of Maria Zakrzewski, Ph.D. Dr. Brown noted that Dr. Zakrzewski met the age requirement and was working part-time. Dr. Brown moved to grant Emeritus status to Dr. Zakrzewski. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culcross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Brown-yay, Griffin-yay and Burnett-yay.

Dr. Brown reviewed the request for Emeritus status of Robert Leray, Ph.D. Dr. Brown noted that Dr. Leray met the age requirement and was retired. Dr. Brown moved to grant Emeritus status to Dr. Leray. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culcross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Brown-yay, Griffin-yay and Burnett-yay.

The Board reviewed the application and supplemental documentation provided by Sharissa Taylor, APRN, Ph.D. Ms. Parker also provided the Board with official documents from the Louisiana State Board of Nursing related to Taylor. The Board also reviewed Taylor's previous application, originally filed in July 2011. After careful discussion, Dr. Culcross moved to deny the application of Taylor based on the nursing board documents and her failure to disclose particular events in a knowingly effort to deceive the Board and apply for a psychology license. The motion passed unanimously as follows: Culcross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Brown-yay and Griffin-yay.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Parker presented the Board with a draft MOU prepared by LBAB. The Board carefully reviewed and discussed the document. Dr. Burnett moved to approve the document in its current form. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Parker noted that she needed to notify LBAB accordingly and hopefully will have a final document for signature at the next meeting.

Oral Examination Committee: No new report.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: No new report.

Legislative Oversight Committee: Dr. Burnett presented the Board with draft rules and forms for provisional licensure. The Board reviewed the draft documents carefully. Dr. Burnett moved to require a \$150 application fee and \$100 renewal fee for provisional licensure. The motion passed unanimously. The Board agreed that only one jurisprudence exam would be required of an applicant if they held a provisional licensure and applied for a full license. The Board also agreed that only one set of references would be required if they held a provisional license and applied for a full license. Dr. Burnett moved to accept the rules and forms as drafted with minor corrections. Dr. Culcross opened the floor to public comment. Dr. Hannie mentioned that he agreed with the Board regarding the reference forms because they can hold people up in the process. The Board considered the motion carefully. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culcross-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Brown-yay.

Dr. Culross presented the Board with a description, including duties, of the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology [LSSP] Advisory Committee. Dr. Culross noted that it was mirrored after the MPAC Committee. The Board reviewed the functions, composition, appointment and terms of service of the committee. Dr. Culross moved to approve the formation of the LSSP Advisory Committee. Dr. Culross opened the floor for public comments. No comments were offered. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Brown-yay, Griffin-yay and Burnett-yay.

Dr. Culross next presented the Board with draft correspondence regarding the nominations for the LSSP Advisory Committee. The Board reviewed the letter carefully. Dr. Culross suggested that the letter be sent to LPA, LSPA, and all LA licensed school psychologists. Ms. Parker also noted that it would be posted on the website. Dr. Culross moved to finalize the letter. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Culross also presented the Board with a working draft of LSSP rules and forms. She noted that the drafts were not complete and that she anticipated presenting a final draft next meeting. Ms. Parker mentioned that the rules for LSSPs will most likely be in a Subchapter of the psychology section. Dr. Culross moved to require a \$200 application fee and \$100 renewal fee for LSSPs. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Culross-yay, Brown-yay-, Griffin-yay and Burnett-yay.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Dr. Culross updated the Board regarding the LPA presentation on June 12, 2014. She reminded the Board about the ASPPB fall conference is scheduled for October 22-26, 2014 in Palm Springs, California. Dr. Culross inquired whether Dr. DeGrange had anything to report from LPA. Dr. DeGrange had no report or information to share from LPA.

Continuing Education: Dr. Brown noted that she reviewed CE for annual renewals and that there were no issues. The Board also reviewed an updated quote from Sparkhound for necessary changes to the database for the new categories of CE. The Board discussed the invoice. Dr. Burnett moved to approve the costs of the invoice. The motion was discussed and passed unanimously.

Complaints Committee: No new report.

Long Range Planning Meeting: Dr. Culross suggested the Board celebrate its 50th anniversary this Fall in connection with the LRP meeting. Ms. Parker presented the Board with a list of current topics for long range planning which include: revisions to the psychology practice act regarding elections, psychology rules, telepsychology rules, and LBAB costs.

Telepsychology Workgroup: Dr. Griffin mentioned that the first meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2014. Dr. Griffin would like to start by reviewing the APA/ASPPB guidelines for telepsychology.

LBAB Liaison Report: In Dr. Zimmermann's absence, Ms. Parker reported that the LBAB was continuing to process applications and issue licenses, certificates and registrations. Ms. Parker also noted that the LBAB's renewal cycle will open in October 2014.

Ad hoc: Elections Committee: Dr. Burnett reported that was continuing to gather information regarding electronic voting.

Presentation of Plaque: Dr. Culross thanked and presented Dr. Brown with a plaque in honor of her dedicated service to the LSBEP over the past year.

Dr. Culross opened the floor for public comments:

Dr. Hannie addressed the Board regarding its opinion regarding the disciplinary panel and replacement appointments to the panel. Dr. Culross acknowledged Dr. Hannie's comments and stated that the position of the Board was based on legal advice. Dr. Hannie insisted on seeing the legal advice given to the Board. Dr. Culross noted that at this time it was considered to be confidential under the attorney-client privilege. Mr. Dooley, for The Psychology Times, noted he was not an attorney but stated that it was not about someone's character or litigation so it would not be attorney-client legal advice. Ms. Parker pointed out that the "legal advice" was a conversation and later communication between the LSBEP –the client and its attorney. She also noted the communication was not on this agenda to be discussed. Dr. Culross explained that the LSBEP or its attorney had the right to invoke the privilege because the purpose was to secure legal advice. Dr. Griffin noted that if the LSBEP waives its privilege then the LSBEP may have trouble later protecting any of its communication with its Board Counsel.

Dr. Hannie inquired how the attorney came to this conclusion and asked for the statutory references. Dr. Culross pointed out that current law does not allow for the appointment of a substitute board member to serve temporarily, on an ad hoc basis, as a member of a disciplinary panel and referenced R.S. 37:2359. Dr. Hannie asked about R.S. 49.960. Ms. Parker mentioned she shared it with legal counsel and the position remains the same at this time. Dr. Culross mentioned that the Board may explore solutions for the future but they would most likely require a law change.

2:15 p.m. Dr. Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.