

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: September 26, 2014
APPROVED: October 3, 2014

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:30 a.m., **Friday, September 26, 2014**, at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett, Phil Griffin, Joseph Comaty; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker.

Dr. Zimmermann. moved to accept the September 26, 2014 agenda. Motion passed unanimously..

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

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

- a. **Referral from LBAB:** The Board reviewed and discussed the correspondence and documents forwarded from LBAB regarding advertising ABA services. After review of Act 351 and further discussion, the Board opined that in the absence of a licensed behavior analyst on staff and in an effort to prevent consumer confusion, the subject center should consider revising its language specifically to indicate that a licensed psychologist is providing behavior analysis services.
- b. **MR:** The Board discussed a lapsed psychologist, former Emeritus licensee, whom still uses the title “psychologist” in Louisiana. The Board agreed to table the issue until the long range planning meeting for further discussion.
- c. **IPP-2014-01:** The Board reviewed communication from a Louisiana licensed psychologist. After careful discussion, Dr. Zimmermann moved to offer the psychologist to enter into the Impaired Psychologist Program.
- d. **P12-13-14C:** The Board reviewed correspondence from the psychologist regarding her current Consent Order requirements. The Board discussed the Consent Order and the report to the National Practitioner Databank. The Board requested that the psychologist provide proof of the CE completed and consultation documentation. Dr. Culross moved to keep the conditions of the Consent Order in the interest of public protection, specifically the consultation requirement, in place until the issue with the National Practitioner Databank is resolved. The motion was discussed. The

motion passed by roll call vote without opposition as follows:
Culross-yay, Comaty-yay, Burnett-yay, Zimmermann-yay and
Griffin-yay.

- d. **P12-13-08C**: This matter was tabled until next meeting.
- e. **CD v. RB**: This matter was tabled..

Dr. Comaty moved that the minutes of August 15, 2014 be accepted as amended.. The motion passed unanimously..

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

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

Oral Examinations:

Lauren Stokes, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Drs. Griffin and Zimmermann for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. The full Board discussed Dr. Stokes's oral examination. Dr. Zimmermann moved that the Board grant **Dr. Stokes** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Jenna Rosen, Psy.D. appeared before Board members Drs. Culross, Burnett and Comaty for an oral examination in Clinical Psychology. The full Board discussed Dr. Rosen's oral examination. Dr. Burnett moved that the Board grant **Dr. Rosen** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Joette James, Ph.D., ABPP, appeared before the Board for a reciprocity licensure meeting. The full Board discussed Dr. James file. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant **Dr. James** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Neuropsychology. The Board discussed the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Kirsten Schwehm, Ph.D., License No. 896, appeared before the Board for an oral examination in Clinical Neuropsychology. The full Board discussed Dr. Schwehm's oral examination. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant Dr. Schwehm an additional specialty in Clinical Neuropsychology. The Board considered the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

Dr. Comaty reviewed the application for licensure files of C. Christiane Creveling, Ph.D., John Blaze, Ph.D., Brandon Richard, Ph.D., and Brian Mizuki, Psy.D.. Dr. Comaty moved to approve their candidacy status and invite them to take the licensing examinations. The Board discussed the files and the motions passed unanimously..

Dr. Griffin reviewed the application for licensure files of Courtney Baker, Ph.D., Lauren Robinson, Psy.D., Caroline Williams, Ph.D., Shawanda Woods, Psy.D. and Krysten Wessner, 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 motions passed unanimously..

Dr. Comaty reviewed the application for licensure files of C. Christiane Creveling, Ph.D., John Blaze, Ph.D., Brandon Richard, Ph.D., and Brian Mizuki, Psy.D.. Dr. Comaty moved to approve their candidacy status and invite them to take the licensing examinations. The Board discussed the files and the motions passed unanimously..

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the application for licensure via Texas reciprocity file of Lesajean Jennings, Psy.D. Dr. Zimmermann moved to approve her candidacy status and invite her to meet with the Board. The Board discussed her file and the motions passed unanimously..

Dr. Zimmermann also reviewed the application for licensure file via ABPP reciprocity of James Giddens, Psy.D., ABPP. Dr. Zimmermann moved to approve his candidacy status and invite him to meet with the Board. The Board discussed his file and the motions passed unanimously..

Dr. Burnett reviewed the Supervised Practice Plan of Mandi Musso, Ph.D.. Dr. Burnett discussed the information with the full Board. Dr. Burnett moved to approve the Supervised Practice Plan of Dr. Musso. The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Culross reviewed the military applicant file of Alexander Cava, Psy.D. Dr. discussed the current status of the file with the Board. Dr. Culross moved to write a letter to Dr. Cava regarding his application status and request a response. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the temporary registration application file of Gregory DeClue, Ph.D. After discussion with the Board, Dr. Zimmermann moved to approve the temporary registration of Dr. DeClue, as of September 26, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Parker presented the Board with the audit update from Mary Sue Stages, CPA. Ms. Parker also presented the Board with July and August financial summaries prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA. The Board discussed the financial information. Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the July and August summaries. The motion passed.

Oral Examination Committee: No new report.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: Dr. Culross discussed possible updates to the Jurisprudence exam. Dr. Comaty agreed to review the exam and update accordingly.

Legislative Oversight Committee: Ms. Parker updated the Board regarding the meeting with LSBME and counsel. Ms. Parker also presented the Board with the updated version of LSSP rules, which removed the names of the associations. The Board discussed the rules. Dr. Culross moved to post the LSSP emergency rules. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Comaty-yay and Griffin-yay. The Board discussed the Art Therapy Task Force and reviewed materials related to art therapy. The Board reviewed a 2015 Legislative Session Information Bulletin from Deborah Harkins, Esquire.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: Ms. Parker presented the Board with the ASPPB CODI Committee agenda for October 10-11, 2014 in Tyrone, Georgia. Ms. Parker requested the approval to attend since she was selected for ASPPB committee. The Board reviewed the agenda and approved attendance at the meeting.

Continuing Education: No new report.

Complaints Committee: The Board discussed types of disciplinary sanctions. The Board agreed and confirmed that all disciplinary actions are public. The Board declined to consider non-public actions. The only non-public action is the confidential impaired psychologist program.

Long Range Planning Meeting: Ms. Parker confirmed that the Long Range Planning meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2014 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 N. 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 – Meeting Room #1. The Board confirmed that the following topics will be discussed: revisions to the psychology law, rules, and telepsychology guidelines. Dr. Griffin moved to include “retired” status to the list. The Board discussed the 50th anniversary celebration. Ms. Parker agreed to confirm a location for the reception, which will be held on the evening of November 21, 2014.

Telepsychology Workgroup: Dr. Griffin reported that the last meeting was held on September 12, 2014 and that the group has made progress. Ms. Parker noted that the work product, to date, would be provided at the October 3, 2014 meeting for Board review.

LBAB Liaison Report: Dr. Zimmermann reported that things were going smoothly.

Ad hoc: Elections Committee: Ms. Parker presented the Board a proposed timeline for the nomination/election process and draft of the self-nomination form. The Board discussed the materials. Dr. Zimmermann moved to not extend the call for nominations past the October 31, 2014 deadline. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Comaty-yay. Dr. Burnett moved to approve the self-nomination form. The motion was considered by the Board. The

motion passed unanimously. Ms. Parker reported that the form would be sent out the following week and also posted on the website. She noted that a copy would also be mailed upon request.

Discussion Items:

1. **Dr. Carroll inquiry:** The Board reviewed the draft response to Dr. Carroll. Dr. Burnett moved to finalize the response with the minor changes. The motion passed completely.
2. **FARB Training for Board Members:** The Board discussed local FARB training that may be available in Louisiana. The Board agreed that if the training is held, Dr. Zimmermann, Dr. Burnett and Ms. Parker should attend.
3. **Newsletter:** The Board reviewed the draft of the newsletter. After careful discussion and review, Dr. Culross moved to approve the newsletter with minor changes. The motion passed..
4. **Responses to media requests:** Dr. Culross addressed the Board regarding a media request she received. The Board carefully considered the issues. Dr. Culross moved to create a workgroup to create policies and procedures for how to respond to similar types of requests. The Board discussed the workgroup. The motion passed by roll call vote: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Comaty-yay. Dr. Culross appointed Dr. Zimmermann and Dr. Comaty to the media workgroup. Dr. Culross clarified that in the meantime, psychologists are welcome to send individual request for guidance and board review, call the Board staff for procedure questions, can find updated information about the Board on the website and/or newsletter and that the Board would continue to fulfill all requests for public information in compliance with the law.
5. **Office Features Update:** Ms. Parker reported that the office feature list was still being fulfilled. She presented the Board with 2 quotes for an office feature update for consideration. Dr. Culross moved to approve a quote and update the office features accordingly. The motion passed.

Dr. Zimmermann moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. The motion passed.