

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: August 15, 2014
APPROVED: September 26, 2014

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:38 a.m., **Friday, August 15, 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. Culross welcomed Dr. Comaty as the new member of the Board.

Dr. Griffin moved to accept the August 15, 2014 agenda. Motion passed unanimously without opposition.

Dr. Zimmermann moved that the minutes of July 18, 2014 be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to **LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4)**, Dr. Culross moved to enter Executive Session to review legal matters, conduct oral examinations and complete file 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:

Complaint Review/Legal Matters:

a. Referral from LBAB: The Board reviewed correspondence from LBAB concerning a mutual advertisement issue. The Board reviewed and discussed the correspondence carefully. Dr. Zimmermann moved to write a letter to subject institution regarding the advertisement.

Oral Examinations:

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

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

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

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

Dr. Comaty reviewed the application for licensure file of Sarah Gray, Ph.D. Dr. Comaty moved to approve her candidacy status and invite her to take the licensing examinations. The Board discussed the file and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty reviewed the application for licensure file of James Giddens, Psy.D., ABPP. Dr. Comaty requested that Board staff confirm that Dr. Giddens background check was received. Dr. Comaty moved to table the decision until this information could be confirmed. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed the application for licensure files of Lauren D. Stokes, Ph.D., Jenna Rosen, Psy.D., and Fernando Pastrana, 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.

Dr. Comaty reviewed the application for respecialization in clinical neuropsychology and supplemental information of Kirsten Schwehm, Ph.D. After careful review and discussion with the Board, Dr. Comaty moved to invite Dr. Schwehm to take an oral examination in Clinical Neuropsychology. The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the criminal background results of Sherri Transier, Ph.D. Dr. Zimmermann also reviewed the supplemental explanation provided by Dr. Transier. After careful discussion with the full Board, Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the information and allow Dr. Transier to proceed with the licensure process. The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed the Supervised Practice Plan and non-APA internship of Jennifer Fairchild, Ph.D. Dr. Burnett discussed the information with the full Board. Dr. Burnett moved to approve the Supervised Practice Plan and accept the non-APA internship of Dr. Fairchild. 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 reinstatement application of Christine Turin, Ph.D. He noted Dr. Turin lapsed as of July 31, 2012. Dr. Zimmermann reviewed the criminal background check and continuing education as well. After careful consideration, Dr. Zimmermann moved to reinstate Dr. Turin's license as of August 15, 2014. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Culross-yay, Zimmermann-yay, Burnett-yay, Griffin-yay and Comaty-yay.

Dr. Zimmermann reviewed with the Board the psychologists who had outstanding issues or extensions from the 2014 renewal period. Dr. Zimmermann reported that Dr. Garner had fulfilled his obligation and moved to approve his renewal. The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously. Dr. Zimmermann discussed Dr. Settles renewal issues with the

full Board. Dr. Zimmermann moved to accept the CE but notify Dr. Settles that she should be more diligent and timely in future filings and approve her renewal. The Board discussed the motion and it passed unanimously. Dr. Zimmermann notified the Board that Dr. Dayna Nelson lapsed but yet contacted the Board after the deadline and stated she had trouble with the system. Ms. Parker also reminded the Board that call logs show staff attempted to contact Dr. Nelson a number of times via email and via phone as reminders prior to the deadline. Dr. Zimmermann moved that Dr. Nelson's license did indeed lapse as of August 1, 2014. The Board discussed same and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ms. Parker presented the Board with the updated final MOU regarding sharing of costs with the LBAB. The Board discussed the MOU and noted the updated LBAB percentage is 21.29% through January 31, 2015. The Board also reviewed LBAB's portion of the shared costs for July 2014.

Oral Examination Committee: No new report.

Jurisprudence Examination Committee: No new report.

Legislative Oversight Committee: Ms. Parker reported that the emergency rules for provisional licensure were posted as of August 1, 2014. The Board again reviewed the proposed emergency rules for school specialists. Dr. Zimmermann moved to remove the psychology association names from the proposed rules.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: The Board reviewed the invitation from BRASP to have a representative present a 2014 legislative summary. Dr. Burnett agreed to attend the BRASP meeting since she is Legislative Chair. The Board again discussed the upcoming ASPPB meeting in October. Dr. Culross, Dr. Comaty and Ms. Parker will attend on behalf of the Board. Ms. Parker also noted that she has an upcoming ASPPB committee meeting in Georgia in October 2014 as well.

Continuing Education: Ms. Parker reported that the updated database went live on August 1, 2014. She explained that psychologists may now be able to update the "new" types of CE to the database. The Board agreed to continue the work on the forms for the "new" CE.

Complaints Committee: No new report.

Long Range Planning Meeting: The Board discussed the annual LRP meeting and scheduled it for Friday, November 21, 2014. Ms. Parker agreed to work on securing a location for the meeting.

Telepsychology Workgroup: Dr. Griffin reported that the next workgroup meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 12, 2014.

LBAB Liaison Report: Dr. Zimmermann reported that the LBAB was continuing to work hard.

Ad hoc: Elections Committee: Dr. Burnett presented the Board with two proposals for electronic voting vendors. She reported to the Board regarding the details of the demos for each. The Board discussed the information and reviewed the quotes carefully. Dr. Griffin moved to contract with Simply Voting for the upcoming election. The motion passed unanimously without opposition.

Discussion Items:

1. **Office Features:** The Board discussed updating office features, including but not limited to purchasing new furniture for the office. The Board directed Ms. Parker to search for a new conference room table and new desk.
2. **2014 Renewal Report:** Ms. Parker reported to the Board regarding the 2014-2015 renewal statistics. She reported that 679 (including 49 emeritus) psychologists renewed as of August 1, 2014. Ms. Parker noted that 627 renewals were processed online and 52 via paper. There were 8 requests for extensions. Ms. Parker also reported that there were 27 lapsed licenses. The reason for lapse: 9 moved, 4 MPs, 6 retired, 2 deceased and 6 are still unknown.
3. **Future Meeting Dates:** The Board discussed future meeting dates. The Board agreed to hold meetings on September 26th, October 3rd, November 20th, and December 19th. The Board scheduled the LRP meeting for Friday, November 21st as well.

Dr. Zimmermann moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. The motion passed.