

Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board
8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES: October 3, 2016
(Approved October 18, 2016)

A special meeting of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (Board) was noticed and called to order by Chair Jennifer Longwell, Ph.D. at 9:30 a.m., Monday, October 3, 2016 at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Present were Board Members: Jennifer Longwell, Ph.D., Alfred Tuminello, Jr., Cassie Bradford, and Executive Director Rhonda Boe. Ms. Bellaci, Mr. Williamson and Dr. Griffin, LSBEP ex-officio member were absent.

Ms. Bradford received the proposed changes to BESE Bulletin 746 regarding Behavior Analysts. It had been forwarded by Ms. Boe to all board members for review and input. Ms. Boe forwarded the replies to Dr. Longwell who compiled the suggestions and highlighted in yellow. The Special Education Advisory Panel will meet on October 5, 2016 to discuss the changes. Board members agreed these proposed changes would better match the laws governing behavior analysis and help with some of the consumer confusion. It does not change the role of the term “behavior interventionist” used in schools.

Ms. Bradford made a motion to send the board’s recommendations to the changes of Bulletin 746 along with a letter of support from the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board. It should include the board’s commitment to working with the association, LaBAA, and the Special Education Advisory Panel to create a better future for Louisiana students. It will also include an offer to have a liaison attend the meeting. None opposed and the motion passed.

Pursuant to LSA R.S. 42:6.1.(4), Dr. Longwell moved to enter Executive Session to review legal matters and discuss applicant files. The motion passed.

Dr. Longwell closed Executive Session and reported the following:

Credentials Review:

Line Technician Applicant 5.3/1 was reviewed again at last month’s meeting and an opinion was requested from the Attorney General’s Office. After reviewing the opinion, Mr. Tuminello made a motion to deny and allow the applicant to reapply after 2 years. None opposed and the motion passed. Ms. Boe was directed to send a certified, return receipt letter to the applicant and copy her supervisors notifying them of the decision.

Complaint Committee:

Dr. Longwell and Ms. Boe met to discuss the next step in a complaint. Dr. Longwell directed Ms. Boe to contact our attorney and schedule an informal hearing.

Mr. Tuminello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02. None opposed and motion passed.