

Louisiana Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of
Examiners Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2019

10985 N. Harrell's Ferry Rd, Baton Rouge, LA

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. The following board members were present: Mary Walker, Beth Drury, Paul Fontana and Karen Harrison. Liz Todd and Amy Hotard also attended the meeting as guests.

The Board approved the minutes of the December 7, 2018 meeting as written.

The application of Lauren Woods was approved for provisional licensure.

The Board reviewed and approved the invoice submitted by Steve Glusman for legal services for payment.

The Board decided to hold the vote for new Board officers until two additional members have been appointed by the Governor's office.

Liz Todd and Amy Hotard addressed the Board regarding their request that the Board issue an opinion on the following:

“the provision of Vocational Rehabilitation services for illegal aliens to include “hypothetical LMS” for wage earning capacity purposes so that the LRC might address the board's stance on this issue as I hope/believe that LRCs should be able to reach out and point to board's stance on this issue, from at the very least, an ethical standpoint”. The Board had a conversation with our attorney, Steve Glusman, regarding this matter and he advised that the Board cannot regulate practice nor is it the Board's responsibility to give an opinion on this matter as it is a legal issue.

Steve Glusman also advised the Board that the adoption of the CRCC ethics rules will be finalized in May of 2019 and published in the Louisiana Register.

A motion was made by Mary Walker and seconded by Beth Drury to dismiss the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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Minutes for August 2, 2019
10:15-12:30p.m.

1. Meeting called to order and in attendance were Beth Drury, Heather Watson, Karen Harrison, and Paul Fontana.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
3. New Applicants:
Paul Genco: Mr. Genco will be granted provisional approval for licensure once the board has received a final copy of his transcripts verifying the degree earned.
Shelby Laiche: Board voted to approve request for full licensure.
4. CEU Approval Requests
 - a. Carla Miley: requested 32 CEU's but upon review of the documentation submitted to the committee she was only approved for 18 CEU's.
 - b. Scott Smith: requested and approved for 15 CEU's.

A discussion was also held regarding whether CRC had any guidelines for the number of CEU's given for publications/articles written. Mr. Fontana spoke with Mr. Stoney Landry regarding this matter. Since Mr. Landry wasn't aware of CRC's guidelines, Beth Drury agreed to follow up with CRC directly. CRC confirmed that their policy is to grant 15 CEU hours for articles published in professionally recognized peer-reviewed publications.

5. Discussion was held regarding the need for additional board members. Contact was made with Todd Capielano, president of IARP-LA regarding the submission of nominations to the Governor to fill these positions. Mr. Capielano stated the IARP-LA board would be meeting on August 23, 2019 and will have names to submit to the Governor following that meeting.
6. New Business
 - a. Heather Watson's contract was renewed
 - b. Mileage Reimbursement- Board guidelines state that Board members can be reimbursed for mileage to attend meetings. Ms. Watson will develop a mileage reimbursement request form along with the procedure for submission and send to the board members to review.
 - c. Posting of Agenda and Minutes on Website- the Board discussed how the posting of the agenda can be accomplished by posting a link on the Boards website to the Boards and Commission database that would bring the individuals to the appropriate pages for the agenda and minutes.

- d. North Carolina State Board Supreme Court Ruling and impact on boards- Steve Glusman was available via telephone. Mr. Glusman agreed to do some additional research on this issue and respond to the Board prior to its next meeting.
7. Board Fees- while Steve Glusman was on the telephone a discussion was held in regards to the fees the Board is able to charge as they have not been revised since the board's inception in 1989. Mr. Glusman stated the Board cannot add additional fees nor can the board change the fees as they are written in the statutes. A discussion was held to identify what course of action the Board could take to increase revenue to the Board. It was decided Mr. Glusman would proceed with the next steps as identified by him to begin the process of amending the statutes regarding fee changes.
8. Next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2020 at 10:00.