



March 31, 2021

LPA Virtual Executive Council (EC) Meeting

Virtual Sign-in:

Erin Reuther, PhD, ABPP

W Alan Coulter, PhD

Matthew Holcomb, PhD

Richard Niolon, PhD

Melissa Kunimatsu, PhD

Christopher Parkinson, PhD

Paula Zeanah, PhD

Amanda Raines, PhD

Guest:

Keli Williams (lobbyist)

Dr. Reuther called the meeting to order at 07:32AM with Dr. Reuther stating the purpose of the meeting to discuss and vote on an LPA position to a fee only bill in the LA legislature this year. Text of the bill was discussed among council members present. Issues to consider included position that protecting the independent practice of psychology is important to supporting the mission of LPA and supporting the profession. Discussed intention of LPA remaining involved in the rule-making process with LSBEP. Discussed feedback from LPA members regarding importance of protecting the practice act from policy amendments. Ms. Keli Williams expressed her opinion that a fee bill would not have the same risk to the scope of practice as the longer bill originally proposed. Ms. Williams also expressed that she would contact the bill's author regarding intent for this to remain a fee-only bill, and that if the bill expands into scope of practice or policy it would no longer have LPA's support. Also discussed intention for LPA to remain involved in collaborating with the board on budget and being present for budget discussions of LSBEP in their open meetings. Dr. Reuther will contact LSBEP to discuss our intent to support the bill as a fee-only bill. Motion was made by Dr. Erin Reuther to support a fee only bill in the 2021 legislative session. Motion passed without dissent of those council members present.

Submitted by

Dr. Erin Reuther

President