

**OHIO BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY**

**ADJUDICATION ORDER**  
In The Matter Of Julie Kight  
Case No. 2008-11

This matter came on for formal hearing before the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology on May 14, 2008, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 4753.10, which provides that:

The board of speech-language pathology and audiology may reprimand or place on probation a speech-language pathologist or audiologist or suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the license of a speech-language pathologist or audiologist. Disciplinary actions may be taken by the board for conduct that may result from but not necessarily be limited to:

(E) Committing fraud, deception, or misrepresentation in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology including:

(1) Making or filing a false report or record in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology;

(M) Violating this chapter or any lawful order given or rule adopted by the board.

Respondent, Julie Kight, was notified in a notice dated February 11 2008, in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, of an opportunity for a hearing to determine whether the license as a speech-language pathologist should be suspended or revoked.

Respondent's failed to make a request for a hearing. Therefore, the Board pursuant to Section of 4753-1-02 the Ohio Administrative Code hereby considers the charges as proven and makes the following findings of fact and conclusive of law. The State presented the following Exhibits:

**State's Exhibit 1:** Verification of Kight's licensure certificate from the Board's Ohio E-Licensing database control number 3611099.

**State's Exhibit 2:** A copy of Ms. Kights's renewal application received at the Board office on July 28, 2006 indicating that she attested "yes" to completing twenty (20) hours of continuing education.

**State's Exhibit 3:** A copy of the 2006 Continuing Education Audit issued to Ms. Kight on March 12, 2007. She did not comply within the thirty (30) day time period.

**State's Exhibit 4:** A copy of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Hereinafter Notice) issued via certified mail on February 12, 2008 to Ms. Kight. The Notice was received and signed for by Ms. Kight on February 19, 2008. In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 119.07, Ms. Kight was required to request a hearing within thirty (30)

days of the Notice. Ms. Kight did not request a hearing within the thirty (30) day time period.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed as a speech-language pathologist in the state of Ohio, license number SP.4138.
2. Respondent's credential mailing address is 12310 New Delaware Rd., Mt. Vernon, OH 43050.
3. Respondent attested yes on the 2006 renewal application to having completed 20 clock hours of continuing education, as required by Chapter 4753 of the OAC, to renew her license. She did not complete the required hours of continuing education.
4. Respondent was issued a *2006 Notice of Continuing Education Audit*. She submitted no hours. On June 15, 2007 she was issued a *Failure To Comply Letter*. She submitted no hours. On August 2, 2007 she was issued a *Second Warning Letter* by certified mail. She did not submit any documentation. This Board's audit therefore revealed that the Respondent did not comply with the audit since she did not submit proof of continuing education.

### CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. Because the Respondent attested yes on the 2006 renewal application to having completed 20 clock hours of continuing education, as required by Chapter 4753 of the OAC, to renew her license but did not submit any documentation for the *2006 Notice of Continuing Education Audit*, said conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4753.10 (E)(1), (M) and Ohio Administrative Code rule 4753-3-10 (C)(3) and 4753-4-01 (D)(4).

### ORDER

It is hereby ordered by the Board the speech-language pathology license issued to Julie Kight is revoked for failure to comply with the 2006 Continuing Education Audit by not providing the necessary continuing education hours, committing fraud, deception, or misrepresentation in the practice of speech-language pathology and filing a false report or record in the practice of speech-language pathology. The licensee may apply for re-licensure at which time the board may consider for re-licensure. After revocation of a license under this section (4753.10) application may be made to the board for reinstatement. The board, in accordance with an order of revocation as issued under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may require an examination for such reinstatement.

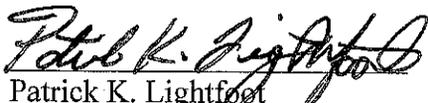
### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have the right to appeal this adjudication order. Your right to appeal is controlled by Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, which provides that, if you do wish to appeal, you must file the original of your notice of appeal with the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology within fifteen (15) days from the date of this order. The notice of appeal must actually be received by the Board at the Board office in the Verne Riffe Center, 77 South High St., Floor 16, Columbus, Ohio 43215, within fifteen (15) days of

the date of this order. The notice of appeal must set forth the order appealed from and the grounds for your appeal.

A copy of your notice of appeal must also be timely filed with the Court of Common Pleas, pursuant to the following provisions of Section 119.12, of the Ohio Revised Code of the appropriate county in which the place of your business is located or the County in which you reside. If you are not a resident of Ohio and/or have no place of business within The State of Ohio, a copy of your Appeal may be filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Ohio. Both findings must be received within fifteen (15) days of the mailing of this Adjudication Order, and in accordance with the requirements of section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

By order of the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology.

  
Patrick K. Lightfoot  
Interim Executive Director

9-12-08  
Date

**CERTIFICATION**

The State of Ohio  
County of Franklin, SS

I, the undersigned Interim Executive Director for the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact reproduction of the original Order of the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Section entered on its journal, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2008.

  
Patrick K. Lightfoot

9-12-08  
Date

[BOARD SEAL]

Sent via Certified Mail Number: 7003 3110 0002 2980 4659 to 12310 New Delaware Rd., Mt. Vernon, OH 43050.

**Return Receipt Required**

Cc: Yvonne Tertel, Principal Assistant Attorney General

**CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN JULIE L. KIGHT  
AND  
OHIO BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between JULIE L. KIGHT (hereinafter "Ms. Kight"), and the OHIO BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY (hereinafter "Board"), the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4753 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated thereunder.

Ms. Kight hereby acknowledges that she has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has entered into it voluntarily.

Ms. Kight is fully aware of her rights, including her right to be advised by counsel and her right to a hearing pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ms. Kight hereby waives her right to a hearing.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is conditioned upon the following admissions:

1. Ms. Kight attested yes on her 2006 renewal application to having completed 20 clock hours of continuing education, as required by Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 4753. She did not complete the hours, nor did she submit any required supporting documentation. Said conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Sections 4753.10 (E)(1), (M) and Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4753-3-10 (C)(3) and 4753-4-01 (D)(4).
2. As a result of such violations, Ms. Kight's license was REVOKED. The Revocation Order permitted her to apply for re-licensure.
3. Ms. Kight applied for re-licensure on September 26, 2008, along with proof she had completed twenty-eight (28) hours of continuing education.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and in lieu of any further proceedings about this matter, Ms. Kight knowingly and voluntarily agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. Her License will be reinstated as of the effective date of this Consent Agreement.
2. Ms. Kight shall complete 12 additional hours of continuing education, in compliance with Ohio Administrative Code Section 4753-3-10(E)(2)(b), on or before December 31, 2008.
3. Ms. Kight henceforth shall submit timely her Renewal Applications.
4. Ms. Kight shall be audited in the next continuing education audit cycle.

- 5. Ms. Kight henceforth shall comply with Chapter 4753 of the Ohio Revised Code and all other federal and state statues and rules governing the practice of speech-language pathology in the state of Ohio.

Ms. Kight agrees that should the BOARD reject this CONSENT AGREEMENT, she will assert no claim that the BOARD was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this CONSENT AGREEMENT or of any information relating thereto.

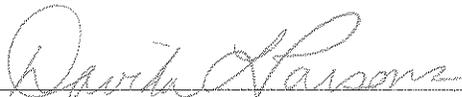
Ms. Kight hereby releases the Board, its members, officers, employees, representatives and/or agents jointly and severally from any and all liability arising from the matters, which are the subject of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ms. Kight agrees that the BOARD may release her social security number to organizations that are legally required to request it for tracking or monitoring purposes. Ms. Kight understands and does not contest that the BOARD is required to collect and report her social security number pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7e(b), 5 U.S.C. Section 552a, and 45 C.F.R. 61 for compliance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of signature by the representative of the Board.

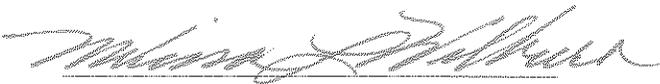
  
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 Davida L. Parsons, SLP, Chair  
 Ohio Board of Speech-Language  
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 Melissa L. Wilburn  
 Assistant Attorney General

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Date: October 27, 2008