



**Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology**  
**77 South High St., Flr. 16**  
**Columbus, OH 43215**  
**614-466-3145**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 9:42 A.M. by Chairperson, Davida Parsons, M.A., on the 31<sup>st</sup> floor, West B & C of the Riffe Center, 77 South High St., Columbus, Ohio.

**Members present:**

Davida L. Parsons, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member, and Chairperson  
Dawn E. Gleason, Au.D. Audiology Board Member, and Vice Chairperson  
Loretta Embry, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member  
Valenta Ward-Gravely, Au.D., Audiology Board Member  
Helene Levenfus, Au.D., Audiology Board Member  
J. Paul Good, Public Member  
Patricia M. Zurlinden, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

**Also Present:** Diane L. Hoenig, Interim Executive Director and Licensing Administrator  
Deborah Howard, Administrative Assistant  
Connie Stansberry, Investigator  
Yvonne Tertel, Assistant Attorney General

**PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

**AGENDA**

The agenda was presented and reviewed. Amendments were made.

**Motion #1** Dr. Gleason moved to accept the agenda with the revision to move Executive Session for the discussion of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a

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public employee pursuant to R.C.§121.22(G)(1) after the approval of March 18, 2008 minutes. Dr. Levenfus seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 18, 2008 meeting were reviewed and amended.

**Motion #2** Mr. Good moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 meeting as amended. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #3** Dr. Gleason moved to enter Executive Session for the discussion of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee pursuant to R.C.§121.22(G)(1). Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Mr. Good: yes; Ms. Parsons: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes; Dr. Gleason: yes.

*The Board returned to Public Session at 10:44 A.M.*

### **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Explore options in leadership of this board's executive office and Board, which was discussed yesterday at the Strategic Planning meeting. There are three (3) options.

1. Seek/hire an Interim Executive Director, short term, choosing from people in the Columbus area and while the Interim Executive Director is serving, seek an Executive Director full term.
2. Merge board with the OT/PT/AT Board (Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers).
3. Pursue both options one and two meaning to move forward, find an Executive Director, and move forward for considering the option to merge with the OT/PT/AT Board. The Chairperson stressed that the merge is an "option." She does not want to see the board divide, hopes that we can come to some consensus and AAG Tertel proposed the merge with the other board.

### **Discussion**

Dr. Ward-Gravely is troubled that discussion with and a letter was sent to another board concerning the boards future prior to discussion or full disclosure to this entire board. Dr. Ward-Gravely voiced concern a proposal concerning the future of the board was introduced to Board Members the day before a vote called. This is her fourth term as a board member and has never experienced anything like this in the past.

Dr. Levenfus thought discussion is ground work and dialogue having merit for long term and forward thinking with the larger picture to consider. Melded groups

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of boards interesting but possibly risky, would the licensees or consumers be impacted negatively. The motion is only to move forward in the discussion.

AAG Tertel: The OT/PT/AT Board would discuss during board meeting on May 15, 2008 the day following this meeting. She expressed intent is not negative and apologized if it caused discomfort.

Chairperson Parsons informed the board that she never intended to tell the board what to do, only to present options for the board to consider. Would like to see the board united and the best options reside in working with AAG Tertel for discussions of what is best in the interim and one to two years out.

Mr. Good supported the Chair to represent the board in further discussions.

**Motion #4** Mr. Good moved to hire a short term Interim Executive Director and at the same time explore options to look at other licensing boards to possibly merge with and not just focus on merging with the OT/PT/AT Board. Options 1 and 2 combined. Chairperson to select other board members to also attend meetings. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion only. All in favor: Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Mr. Good: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes; Dr. Gleason: yes. Dr. Ward-Gravely opposed. Ms. Parsons abstained.

**Motion #5** Chairperson Parsons moved to entertain the motion to post a job position for a full time Executive Director while also exploring what is also available for hiring an Executive Director and options to merge with the OT/PT/AT Board or another Board. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Parsons stated that Motion #5 is tabled for the exploration to post a job position for both short term Interim Executive Director and a full time Executive Director. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Mr. Good: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes; Dr. Gleason: yes. Ms. Parsons abstained.

### **ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

- None

### **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Governor has not yet appointed a new public member. He is still considering candidates for the position. I have been assured they will notify us once selected.

#### **University Presentations:**

Miami University

March 31, 2008

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The Ohio State University  
University of Akron

April 8, 2008  
April 25, 2008

## Riffe Renovations Project Overview

Probable Rent Increase:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1119 square feet	1194 square feet (all space located together) $12.05/\text{sqft} \times 1726 = \$20,798/\text{yr}$
\$20,798/yr	\$24,136 Increase of Approx \$4k/year on Rent

Other Charges (Estimates requested)

Physical Move, Modular upgrades/matches, Wiring, DAS MIS (Computers), DAS Phones; AT & T charges, Loss of 1-4 Days work moving. Possibly encumber funds from this fiscal year to help cover costs in next.

**Motion #6** Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to accept the move of this board moving into new office space. Dr. Gleason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Updated: Policy and Procedure Manual

00-0	Table of Contents
06-07	Public Records Policy
04-20	Disciplinary Grid

### Time and Attendance Policy Compliance and Website updated survey

**Corresponds** with Governors Directive to have a survey question to addresses employee availability is on all employees outgoing emails.

Attended Discovering Common Ground, The Future of Caseloads and Ratios is Ohio, May 7 & 8, 2008; Chairperson to request ODE to include her as board member representative for future meetings.

### Budget 2010-2011

- 100% of 2008-2009 budget (\$430,600), no increases
- Advised not to figure in any salary increases for any staff
- Expect Governor's Directives restricting travel to hold

### HB 130

The bill requires each board, commission, or agency created under or by virtue of R.C. Title 47 to determine which criminal offenses are substantially related to a person's fitness and ability to perform the duties and responsibilities of the profession or occupation regulated by the board, commission, or agency. Not later than 180 days after the bill's effective date, every such board, commission, or agency must adopt a rule that lists by Revised Code section number and name of the offense every criminal offense it determines to be substantially related to a person's fitness and ability to perform the duties and responsibilities of the profession or occupation it regulates and states the reasons for the determination. (R.C. 4743.06.)

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Board asked for HB 130 placed on June 26, 2008 meeting agenda for further discussion and review.

### **INVESTIGATIONS**

**Motion #7** Ms. Zurlinden moved to enter Executive Session for the discussion of investigations. Ms. Embry seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Mr. Good: yes; Ms. Parson: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravelly: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes; Dr. Gleason: yes.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 11:49 A.M. with the Board staff in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 11:53 A.M.*

#### **Case 2008-13**

Complaint alleged unlicensed practice by a speech-language pathologist in a school. Records subpoenaed verified allegation. Speech-language pathology license expired 12/31/2004.

#### **Violation:**

##### **4753.02 Unauthorized practice.**

No person shall practice, offer to practice, or aid and abet the practice of the profession of speech-language pathology or audiology, or use in connection with the person's name, or otherwise assume, use, or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that the person is a speech-language pathologist or audiologist unless the person is licensed or permitted under this chapter.

##### **4753.01 Speech-language pathologist and audiologist definitions.**

(A) "Speech-language pathologist" means a person who practices speech-language pathology and who represents himself to be a speech-language pathologist when he holds out to the public by any means, or by any service or function he performs, directly indirectly, or by using the term "speech pathology," "speech pathologist," "speech correction," "speech correctionist," "speech therapy," "speech therapist," "speech clinic," "speech clinician," "language pathology," "language pathologist," "voice therapy," "voice therapist," "voice pathology," "voice pathologist," "logopedics," "logopedist," "communicology," "communicologist," "aphasiology," "aphasiologist," "phoniatriest," or any variation, synonym, coinage, or whatever expresses, employs, or implies these terms, names, or functions. "Person" means an individual, partnership, organization, or corporation, except that only individuals may be licensed under this law.

(C) "Practice of speech-language pathology" means planning, directing, supervising, and conducting habilitative or rehabilitative counseling programs for

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individuals or groups of individuals who have or are suspected of having disorders of communication, any service in speech-language pathology including prevention, identification, evaluation, consultation, habilitation or rehabilitation, instruction, and research.

**Motion #8** Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to accept the review group's recommendation and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Gleason abstained.

### **Case 2008-21**

Complaint alleged unlicensed practice of a speech-language pathologist. Issue found on 2007 Business Filing. Records received indicated no violation.

**Motion #9** Ms. Embry moved to accept the review group's recommendation and close case 2008-21. Dr. Levenfus seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Gleason abstained.

### **Case 2008-25**

Complaint alleged unlicensed practice by a RN. Respondent lives in Ohio but does "alternative speech/sound therapy" in Florida. Respondent does not practice or advertise as a speech-language pathologist in Ohio.

**Motion #10** Dr. Levenfus moved to accept the review group's recommendation and close case 2008-25. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Gleason abstained.

OPENED	Cases since last Board Meeting 3/18/2008	4
CLOSED	Cases at last Board Meeting 3/18/2008	2
	Total number of OPEN cases	25

### **Business Filings Update**

Received (1,655 Notices mailed)	763
Licensee names within the 763 filings returned	5,106
Licensee names updated in E-licensing	587

### **LICENSURE**

#### A. Licensure Review

**Motion #11** Dr. Gleason moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Interim Executive Director on April 1, 2008, April 15, 2008, and May 1, 2008. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **April 1, 2008**

Jennifer Lynne	Higgins	SP9022
Heather C.	Syracuse	SP9023
Bridget Marie	Sandschafer	SP9024

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Rachael J.	O'Brien	SP9025
Darcy Richelle	Leshner	SP9026
Leigh Ann	Karpinski	SP9027
Elizabeth A.	Nash	SP9028
Laura Marie	Augustine	SP9029
Cynthia Lauren	McMillin	SP9030
Jennifer L.	Sandora	SP9031
Nicole	Santho	SP9032
Christina Marie	Janatovich	SP9033
Erin DeAnn	McCrary	SP9034
Lynn Marie	Harris	SP9035
Emily Tedford	Fischer	SP9036
Susan Fields	Book	SP9037

### **April 15, 2008**

Jessica Ruth	Waldman	SP9038
Jamie Eileen	Luketic	SP9039
Kara K.	Howe-LaMonica	SP9040
Karen Sue	Nagel	SP9041
Megan Elizabeth	Estapp	SP9042
Katie Marie	Kovaly	SP9043
Elenor Irene	Hulme	SP9044
Betsy Jo	Harris	SP9045
Marsha Carolyn	Glenn	SP9046
Vivian	Anderson	SP1874 Relicensure
Bridget Kathleen	Jenks	SP9047
Julia Marie	Cann	SP9048
Kathryn M.	Earle	SP9049

### **May 1, 2008**

Courtney L.	Swillinger	SP9050
Autumn Janine	Arnold	SP9051
Kelly Crawford	Twehues	SP9052
Barbara Lynn	Jack-Yehsakul	SP9053
Amanda Kay	Goates	SP9054
Laura Christine	Pretz	SP9055
Allison P.	Avery	SP9056
Theresa M.	Pizzillo	SP9057
Dianne Marie	Quintana	SP9058
Judith A.	Christner	SP9059
Emily Diane	Russell	SP9060

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**Motion #12** Dr. Gleason moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Interim Executive Director on April 1, 2008, April 15, 2008 and May 1, 2008. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### April 15, 2008

Nancy B.	Stewart	A01070 Relicensure
Lea M.	Georgantas	A01640

### May 1, 2008

James	Baer	A01641
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**Motion #13** Dr. Gleason moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses by the Interim Executive Director on April 1, 2008, April 15, 2008, and May 1, 2008. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### April 1, 2008

Sandra M.	Winter	COND 2008121
Erin Renee	Upp	COND 2008122

### April 15, 2008

Gregory Scott	Clayton	COND 2008123
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### May 1, 2008

Sydney Elyse	Mattis	COND 2008124
Alicia Ann	Sofa	COND 2008125
Nicole Alaine	Thompson	COND 2008126
Courtney	Karikas	COND 2008127
Hannah Kelly	Hawke	COND 2008128
Anglea Renee	Borton	COND 2008129
Emily Marie	Rohlf	COND 2008130
Sarah Nicole	Taulker	COND 2008131
Abby Marie	Voelkerding	COND 2008132

### Conditional Licensure Supervision Request

Conditional Supervised Experience request from Carol Ashdown, (SP.4148) Supervisor and Conditional Licensee, Amanda Goodwin Perrie. Supervised Professional Experience Plan is approved *with changes*. According to the Plan submitted, eighteen onsite visits will occur via webcam, through the computer. Supervisor will observe live treatments and assessments conducted via the webcam for a minimum one hour period twice per month. The board approves your plan with the additional requirement of a board member directly observing the supervision via webcam during the first third of your supervised professional experience. The Board kindly requests the supervisor, Carol Ashdown, SP-4148, to contact Board member Dr. Valenta Ward-Gravely to arrange the date, time, and

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place of said observation. Possibility of Board member Loretta Embry to attend as well.

**Motion #14** Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to approve the plan with changes Ms. Embry seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **Aide Licensure**

**Motion #15** Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to deny the application for Audiology Aide licensure number 031808-1, duties listed are diagnostic. Dr. Levenfus seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Motion #16** Ms. Zurlinden recommended denying the application for Speech-Language Pathology Aide licensure number 051408-2. Duties do not fall within the OAC 4753. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Motion #17** Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to deny 051408-4, other state waiver for Audiology, does not meet current Au.D requirements. Dr. Levenfus seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Motion #18** Ms. Zurlinden moved to accept 051408-1 the Speech-Language Pathology application by other state waiver. All documents were provided and approved. Dr. Gleason seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Motion #19** Ms. Zurlinden moved to accept 051408-3 and the Conditional license be granted. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Motion #20** Ms. Zurlinden moved to accept the eligibility of 051408-5 Conditional Speech-Language Pathology license. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS**

Evidentiary Review for Case Number 2006-15

Evidentiary Review for Case Number 2007-06

Evidentiary Review for Case Number 2008-09

Evidentiary Review for Case Number 2008-11

**Motion #21** at 12:33 P.M. Dr. Levenfus moved to admit the sworn affidavit and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Mr. Good: yes; Ms. Parsons: yes; Dr. Ward-

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Gravely: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes. Dr. Gleason abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

**Motion #22** Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters. Dr. Levenfus seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Mr. Good: yes; Ms. Parsons: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes; Dr. Gleason: yes.

*The Board went into Private Session at 12:42 P.M. with the Board staff in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 1:07 P.M.*

**Motion #23** Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to reprimand the licensee, require evidence of successful completion of a drug rehabilitation program and evidence of a clean drug test prior to next renewal. After renewal, require random drug testing issued for at minimum of six (6) months in Case Number 2006-15. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Gleason abstained.

**Motion #24** Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to deny the speech-language pathology application for licensure in Case Number 2007-06. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Gleason abstained.

**Motion #25** Dr. Levenfus moved to revoke license for failure to comply with the 2006 continuing education 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 in Case Number 2008-09. The licensee may apply for re-licensure at which time the board may consider for re-licensure. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Gleason abstained.

**Motion #26** Dr. Levenfus moved to revoke license for failure to comply with the 2006 continuing education 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 in Case Number 2008-11. The licensee may apply for re-licensure at which time the board may consider for re-licensure. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Gleason abstained.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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Ms. Zurlinden asked that all board members have reviewed the Common Sense document that is in their board books, prior to the next board meeting.

Rules committee: Ms. Zurlinden to discuss a possible meeting for rules or wait until the September meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Allender - OMNI special accommodations for August review of the Student Permit applications: With much consideration and deliberation, the board wants to consider your request further. The board understands and has a strong desire to work with OMNI to ensure success to the OMNI program, Permit Applicants, University's, and consumers.
- B. Allender - OMNIE Student Permit Supervision: The board will review supervision requests on a case-by-case basis. Many factors will be considered but an example of some are the student; evidence supervisor has time to supervise more than one student, etc. Each request will be reviewed individually. The board would like to review the instances where two interns will have the same supervisor at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 26, 2008. The board is willing to review these applications and plans prior to the education requirements being met (as indicated on the applications). The applications will each need further explanation (attachments) on the feasibility of the supervisor meeting all requirements set forth for Permit Holders. Requests will be placed on the June 26, 2008 agenda for further consideration once received.
- C. Schrock - BGSU Doctoral Student: Working five hours per week, apply for a student permit and can apply for renewal after one year.
- D. Coughlin – Medication reconciliation fall within scope of practice for Speech-Language Pathologist licensed in Ohio. Yes, it is within the scope of practice.
- E. Bailey-OSLHA Reappointment Question is Dr. Gleason interested in reappointment. Dr. Gleason is eligible and is considering reappointment. The board would welcome any suggestions of qualified individuals interested in the Au.D. appointment.
- F. Allender – OMNI Question re Permit Supervision Requirements 4753-10-3. The board discussed possible use of video cameras. The board will discuss the topic further at the June meeting.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

Dr. Levenfus is asked to research possibilities of an Executive Recruiter for the Columbus area, fee, and salary. The Board instructed Interim Executive Director Diane Hoenig to find more information from the Department of Administrative services on requirements of an executive recruiter. Ms. Hoenig to contact Dr. Levenfus and Dr. Gleason with executive recruiter information. Board members to give comments to Ms. Hoenig on the Executive Director position description. Ms. Hoenig to compile and forward

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information to Dr. Levenfus and Dr. Gleason as well as other boards position descriptions of Executive Directors.

**MEMBER CONCERNS**

Dr. Levenfus brought to the attention of the board three ads that quote “Ringing in your ears” and “Tinnitus” by Hearing Aide Dealers. Ads will be forwarded to the Medical Board and the Hearing Aide Dealers Board for concern of possible violation of their board statute as well as concern for consumers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

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Davida L. Parsons, M.A., Chairperson

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Dawn E. Gleason, Vice Chair

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Date