



**Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology**  
**77 South High Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Columbus, OH 43215**

**Board Meeting Minutes of Thursday, January 28, 2016**

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairperson, Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., held at Vern Riffe Center for Government, 77 South High St., 31<sup>st</sup> Floor- Board Room, Columbus, OH 43215.

**Board Members – Roll Call:**

Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Chairperson  
Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, ABA, FAAA, Audiology Board Member and Vice Chairperson  
Carrie L. Spangler, Au.D., CCC-A, FAAA, Audiology Board Member  
Lisa A. Froehlich, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member  
Linda L. Wellman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member  
Angela N. King, Public Member  
Helen L. Mayle, Public Member

**Also Present:**

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director  
Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator  
Darlene D. Young, Executive Office Administrator  
Brandy R. Thomas, Administrative Professional  
Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no comments from the public or professional organizations.

**AGENDA**

The agenda for the January 28, 2016, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed. The following amendments were made:

- The Goldman hearing scheduled for Vivian Anderson and the administrative hearing scheduled for Stacie Arnfield will be continued until the board meeting on May 10, 2016.

**Motion #1**

Dr. Wellman moved to accept the agenda as amended. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 9, 2015 board meeting were reviewed.

**Motion #2**

Ms. Brown moved to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2015 board meeting. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD BUSINESS****A. Strategic Planning 2016**

The Board held its annual strategic planning session. The Board reviewed professional issues impacting consumers and prioritized initiatives that will be under review during the 2016 calendar year.

The Board recessed at approximately 9:50 a.m. and returned to Public Session at approximately 10:00 a.m.

**PROPOSED DISCIPLINARY ACTION HEARINGS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 119****A. Vivian Anderson, Case No. 2016-20**

This hearing was continued until the board meeting scheduled for May 10, 2016.

**B. Stacie Arnfield, Case No. 2016-33 -**

This hearing was continued until the board meeting scheduled for May 10, 2016.

**C. Julie Ford, Case No. 2016-35**

At approximately 10:00 a.m., the Board conducted an administrative disciplinary hearing, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 in the matter of Julie Ford. The Board was represented by Senior Assistant Attorney General, Cheryl R. Hawkinson. Ms. Ford requested a hearing and submitted her contentions in writing, in lieu of appearing in person. There were no other parties present during hearing. Dr. Mitchell presided over the disciplinary hearing. The administrative hearing concluded at approximately 10:32 a.m.

**D. Linda Miller, Case No. 2016-36**

At approximately 10:33 a.m., the Board conducted an administrative disciplinary hearing, pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*, in the matter of Linda Miller. The Board was represented by Senior Assistant Attorney General, Cheryl R. Hawkinson. Ms. Miller did not request a hearing and there were no other parties present. Dr. Mitchell presided over the disciplinary hearing. The hearing concluded at approximately 10:57 a.m.

The Board took a short recess and returned to Public Session at approximately 11:10 a.m.

**BOARD BUSINESS - CONTINUED****A. Strategic Planning 2016**

The Board resumed its strategic planning session under board business.

The Board took a recess at approximately 12:15 p.m. and returned to Public Session at approximately 12:30 p.m.

### **PROPOSED DISCIPLINARY ACTION HEARINGS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 119 - CONTINUED**

E. In Re Licensure Application of Barbara Courtot, Case No. 2016-53

At approximately 12:30 p.m., the Board called to order a public hearing in the matter of the licensure application of Barbara Courtot, Case No. 2016-53, as a speech-language pathology aide. The only party present was Barbara Lechner, who is the proposed speech-language pathology aide supervisor. The Board accepted a recommendation from the Assistant Attorney General that this hearing be continued until the board meeting scheduled for May 10, 2016, based upon the applicant sending a representative who was not an attorney and to allow more time for the parties to reach a possible settlement.

F. In Re Licensure Application of Sally Hocking, Case No. 2016-54

At approximately 12:30 p.m., the Board called to order a public hearing in the matter of the licensure application of Sally Hocking, Case No. 2016-54, as a speech-language pathology aide. The only party present was Barbara Lechner, who is the proposed speech-language pathology aide supervisor. The Board accepted a recommendation from the Assistant Attorney General that this hearing be continued until the board meeting scheduled for May 10, 2016, based upon the applicant sending a representative who was not an attorney and to allow more time for the parties to reach a possible settlement.

### **Board Recess – Quasi-Judicial Deliberation – In Re Suitability of Julie K. Ford To Be Licensed As A Speech-Language Pathologist In The State of Ohio, License No. SP.8953.**

At approximately 12:45 p.m., the Board recessed for the purpose of having a quasi-judicial deliberation, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119, in the matter of Julie Ford and Linda Miller. The Board invited Mr. Thornton to remain in attendance.

Dr. Froehlich and Assistant Attorney General Hawkinson were recused and for the record did not participate in the deliberations or any vote on this matter.

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 1:15 p.m.

### **Board Actions – Adjudication Order – Julie Ford, SP. 8953**

The Board made the following Findings of Fact in the matter of Julie Ford:

Findings of Fact:

1. Ms. Ford is licensed as a speech-language pathologist in the State of Ohio, license number SP. 8953.
2. Ms. Ford renewed her license on or about January 30, 2015 and was selected for a continuing education audit.

3. Ms. Ford was required to submit proof of completing twenty hours of continuing education hours during the 2013-2014 licensure biennium.
4. Ms. Ford failed to submit proof that she completed the required twenty hours of continuing education.
5. Ms. Ford attested "yes" on her 2015-2016 late renewal application that she would complete twenty hours of continuing education by the December 31, 2014 deadline.
6. Ms. Ford failed to submit her employment verification form in a timely manner to establish whether she acted as a speech-language pathologist under an expired license.
7. This is Ms. Ford's first continuing education audit failure.
8. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 4753.10(O), and the requirements of section 119. of the Revised Code, the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Ford for failure to comply with the continuing education requirements for the 2013-2014 licensure biennium. Ms. Ford acknowledged receipt of the Notice by signature on the RRR card dated November 2, 2015.
9. On or about November 30, 2015, Ms. Ford requested a hearing in this matter.
10. The Board issued a Scheduling letter dated December 1, 2015, to Ms. Ford, initially setting the hearing date for December 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 31st Board Room, 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215-6108. However, in order to more effectively conduct its business, the Board continued the hearing upon its own motion in accordance with Section 119.09 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ms. Ford acknowledged receipt of the Scheduling letter by signature on the RRR card dated December 7, 2015.
11. The Board issued a Scheduling letter dated December 17, 2015, to Ms. Ford, advising that her hearing was scheduled for January 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 31st Board Room, 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215-6108. Ms. Ford acknowledged receipt of the Scheduling letter by signature on the RRR card dated December 22, 2015.
12. The Board issued a Scheduling letter dated December 31, 2015, to Ms. Ford, advising her of the hearing room location, which was scheduled in the Board Room, on the 31st floor. Ms. Ford acknowledged receipt of the Scheduling letter by signature on the RRR card dated January 2, 2016.
13. State's Exhibits #1-14 were introduced and accepted as evidence in this matter.
14. Respondent's Exhibits #1-2 were introduced and accepted as evidence in the matter.
15. The testimony and the Exhibits establish that Ms. Ford failed to submit the required documents and/or information to comply with her 2013-2014 continuing education audit.

#### Conclusions of Law and Order:

1. Ohio Revised Code Section 4753.09, License Renewal, provides in part:  
The board shall establish by rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code the qualifications for license renewal. Applicants shall demonstrate continued competence, which may include continuing education, examination, self-evaluation, peer review, performance appraisal, or practical simulation. The board may establish other requirements as a condition for license renewal as considered appropriate by the board.
2. Ohio Revised Code Section 4753.10, Disciplinary Actions, provides in part:  
In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, 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:

(A) Fraud, deception, or misrepresentation in obtaining or attempting to obtain a license;  
(M) Violating this chapter or any lawful order given or rule adopted by the board;

3. Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4753-4-01, Continuing Education, as it was then constituted, provided in pertinent part as follows:

(A) A licensee shall earn twenty continuing education hours within the two-year licensure period immediately preceding the licensee's renewal application.

(C) Documentation of continuing education hours:

(1) Documentation shall be written verification of successful completion by the applicant or licensee from a board approved continuing education registry or the provider of the continuing education hours.

(2) Documentation shall include the name of the continuing education provider, date, subject, number of clock hours, and attendance of the licensee.

(4) Licensees shall provide any and all additional information the board may request to substantiate the continuing education.

(D) Continuing education audit:

(1) The board may audit the continuing education of any licensee.

(2) Licensees to be audited shall receive notification of audit from the board. The licensee being audited shall submit to the board documentation of continuing education hours as defined by paragraph (C) of this rule.

(3) The board may disapprove continuing education hours and shall notify the licensee of this action according to the provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(4) The failure to comply with an audit notification may, for purposes of disciplinary action pursuant to section 4753.10 of the Revised Code, be considered to be unprofessional conduct in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology and/or misrepresentation in obtaining or attempting to obtain a license.

(5) The board may disapprove continuing education hours for renewal, relicensure, audit, or ethical practice and shall notify the applicant or licensee of this action according to the provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(7) Failure to meet continuing education requirements or failure to substantiate continuing education hours upon request of the board shall result in reprimand, probation, suspension, revocation, or refusal to issue or renew a license according to the provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

4. Based on consideration of all the evidence and the testimony, the Board finds:

a. Ms. Ford did not demonstrate proof that she met the continuing education requirements for the 2013-2014 licensure biennium, in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4753-4-01, 4753-3-10(C)(2), (3), and 4753-9-01(B)(1)(c)(ii).

b. Ms. Ford attested "Yes" on her 2015-2016 late renewal application that she would complete twenty continuing education hours by December 31, 2014, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code section 4753.09 and 4753.10(A) and (M), and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4753-4-01(A), 4753-3-08(A), 4753-9-01(B)(1)(c)(ii), and 4753-3-10(C)(2) and (3).

c. Ms. Ford's failure to submit her employment verification form in a timely manner is a violation of Ohio Revised Code section 4753.10(M) and Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-9-01(B)(1)(c)(ii).

d. The Board hereby issues Ms. Ford a public REPRIMAND.

- e. Ms. Ford's continuing education hours will be audited for the next two licensure bienniums.
- f. Ms. Ford must complete and pass the Board's jurisprudence exam.
- g. Six of the eighteen continuing education hours Ms. Ford completed in 2015, submitted as part of her written contentions, will be accepted for the 2013-2014 continuing education requirements. She may apply the remaining twelve continuing education hours completed in 2015 towards the twenty continuing education hours required for the 2015-2016 licensure biennium.
- h. Upon successfully passing the continuing education audits for the 2015-2016 and 2017-2018 licensure bienniums, Ms. Ford will be subject to a random continuing education audit in the future.

### **Motion #3**

Ms. Mayle moved to accept the Board's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order in the matter of Julie Ford, Case No. 2016-35. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Froehlich abstained.

### **Board Actions – Adjudication Order – Linda Miller, SP. 5593**

The Board made the following Findings of Fact in the matter of Julie Ford:

#### Findings of Fact:

1. Ms. Miller is licensed as a speech-language pathologist in the State of Ohio, license number SP. 5593.
2. Ms. Miller renewed her license on January 16, 2015 and was selected for a continuing education audit.
3. Ms. Miller was required to submit proof of having completed twenty hours of continuing education during the 2013-2014 licensure biennium.
4. Ms. Miller failed to submit proof that she completed the required twenty hours of continuing education after receiving three audit notification letters.
5. Ms. Miller attested "yes" on her 2015-2016 renewal application that she would complete twenty hours of continuing education by the December 31, 2014 deadline.
6. Ms. Miller failed to submit her employment verification form to establish whether she acted as a speech-language pathologist under an expired license.
7. This is Ms. Miller's third continuing education audit failure in a row.
8. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 4753.10(O), and the requirements of section 119. of the Revised Code, the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Miller for failure to comply with the continuing education requirements for the 2013-2014 licensure biennium. Ms. Miller did not request a hearing. She acknowledged receipt of the Scheduling letter by signature on the RRR card dated January 4, 2016.
9. State's Exhibits #1-18 were introduced and accepted as evidence in this matter.
10. The testimony and the Exhibits establish that Ms. Miller failed to submit the required documents and/or information to comply with her 2013-2014 continuing education audit, and failed to correspond with all Board requests.

#### Conclusions of Law and Order:

Ohio Revised Code Section 4753.09, License Renewal, provides in part:

1. The board shall establish by rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code the qualifications for license renewal. Applicants shall demonstrate continued competence, which may include continuing education, examination, self-evaluation, peer review, performance appraisal, or practical simulation. The board may establish other requirements as a condition for license renewal as considered appropriate by the board.
2. Ohio Revised Code Section 4753.10, Disciplinary Actions, provides in part:  
In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, 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:
  - (A) Fraud, deception, or misrepresentation in obtaining or attempting to obtain a license;
  - (M) Violating this chapter or any lawful order given or rule adopted by the board;
3. Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4753-4-01, Continuing Education, as it was then constituted, provided in pertinent part as follows:
  - (A) A licensee shall earn twenty continuing education hours within the two-year licensure period immediately preceding the licensee's renewal application.
  - (C) Documentation of continuing education hours:
    - (1) Documentation shall be written verification of successful completion by the applicant or licensee from a board approved continuing education registry or the provider of the continuing education hours.
    - (2) Documentation shall include the name of the continuing education provider, date, subject, number of clock hours, and attendance of the licensee.
    - (4) Licensees shall provide any and all additional information the board may request to substantiate the continuing education.
  - (D) Continuing education audit:
    - (1) The board may audit the continuing education of any licensee.
    - (2) Licensees to be audited shall receive notification of audit from the board. The licensee being audited shall submit to the board documentation of continuing education hours as defined by paragraph (C) of this rule.
    - (3) The board may disapprove continuing education hours and shall notify the licensee of this action according to the provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.
    - (4) The failure to comply with an audit notification may, for purposes of disciplinary action pursuant to section 4753.10 of the Revised Code, be considered to be unprofessional conduct in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology and/or misrepresentation in obtaining or attempting to obtain a license.
    - (5) The board may disapprove continuing education hours for renewal, relicensure, audit, or ethical practice and shall notify the applicant or licensee of this action according to the provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.
    - (7) Failure to meet continuing education requirements or failure to substantiate continuing education hours upon request of the board shall result in reprimand, probation, suspension, revocation, or refusal to issue or renew a license according to the provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.
4. Based on consideration of all the evidence and the testimony, the Board finds:

- a. Ms. Miller did not demonstrate proof that she met the continuing education requirements for the 2013-2014 licensure biennium, in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4753-4-01, 4753-3-10(C)(2), (3), and 4753-9-01(B)(1)(c)(ii).
- b. Ms. Miller attested "Yes" on her 2015-2016 late renewal application that she would complete twenty continuing education hours by December 31, 2014, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code section 4753.09 and 4753.10(A) and (M), and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4753-4-01(A), 4753-3-08(A), 4753-9-01(B)(1)(c)(ii), and 4753-3-10(C)(2) and (3).
- c. Ms. Miller's failure to submit her employment verification form is a violation of Ohio Revised Code section 4753.10(M) and Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-9-01(B)(1)(c)(ii).
- d. Ms. Miller's license to practice speech-language pathology in the State of Ohio is hereby REVOKED.

#### **Motion #4**

Dr. Wellman moved to accept the Board's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order in the matter of Linda Miller, Case No. 2016-36. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Froehlich abstained.

### **BOARD BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

#### A. Strategic Planning 2016

The Board resumed its strategic planning session under board business.

The Board took a recess at approximately 2:45 p.m. and returned to public session at approximately 2:55 p.m.

#### B. OMNIE Guidelines

##### **Motion #5**

Dr. Mitchell moved to authorize Dr. Spangler to represent the Board and update the OMNIE module entitled, "Audiological Support for Speech-Language Pathologists." Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### C. Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program

The Board discussed concerns brought to its attention regarding the Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program, which is administered by the Ohio Department of Health. The Board directed Mr. Thornton to contact the Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition regarding this issue.

#### D. Medicaid Reimbursement Changes – School Setting

The Board reviewed a letter dated October 23, 2015, from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, addressed to John McCarthy, Director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid. The letter states the effective August 1, 2016, in order to be covered by Medicaid, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology or audiology services must be prescribed, or referred by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts. The Board expressed concern over the impact this may have on the delivery of services to children identified with a disability. The Board directed Mr. Thornton to continue to monitor this issue and update the Board at the next meeting.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Karen Mitchell thanked everyone for their efforts and due diligence with the strategic planning, and thanked Ms. Brown for facilitating. She acknowledged and thanked Assistant Attorney General Hawkinson, Ms. Stansberry, Mr. Thornton, Dr. Wellman, and Dr. Froehlich for their hard work with the preparation of cases for the hearings scheduled during the meeting. She also thanked the board staff for their continued dedication and hard work to ensure things are moving smoothly in the day-to-day operations of the board office.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thornton submitted a written report of significant activities occurring since the last Board meeting. He provided updates regarding:

- Significant meetings, presentations, and events;
- Legislative and media contacts;
- Year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2016;
- Number of license verification letters issued for FY2016;
- Significant legislation;
- Status of the new eLicensing 3.0 system;
- Annual Report for FY2015;
- Board Appointments
- Annual Staff Evaluations
- Business Filing Statements for 2015

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

Senior Assistant Attorney General Hawkinson updated the Board regarding the North Carolina Dental Board case.

## **INVESTIGATIONS**

### **A. Executive Session**

#### **Motion #6**

Dr. Karen Mitchell moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against licensees, involving pending or imminent court action under R.C. §121.22.(G)(3), and which requires that such matters be kept confidential under R.C. §149.43.(A)(2). Ms. Brown seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Ms. Brown: yes; Dr. Froehlich: yes; Ms. King: yes; Ms. Mayle: yes; Dr. Spangler: yes; Dr. Wellman: yes; Dr. Mitchell: yes.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 3:51 p.m. and invited the Board staff to remain in attendance, along with Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Esq.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 4:04 p.m.*

## **B. Board Actions**

### **Previously Heard by the Board**

#### **2016-40**

This case involves an audiologist, who self-reported criminal conviction involving moral turpitude. At the December 9, 2015 meeting, the Board held in abeyance the issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (NOH) or proposing a Consent Agreement, until receipt of a sexual offender risk assessment was submitted to the Board office. The assessment was received January 26, 2016. Based on the recommendations reported in the assessment, by the Board Certified psychiatrist with experience in sexual offender assessment, the Investigative Review Group Committee recommends the following:

- Propose to offer a Consent Agreement in lieu of NOH;
- Suspend his audiology license for five years;
- He may apply to the Board for modification of his suspension no earlier than one year from the date the Consent Agreement is executed. If the licensee has served at least six months of the suspension, and completed the sexual offender treatment program and has completed a new sexual offender risk assessment as specified, he may apply to the Board for a modification of his suspension;
- He must submit verification of his successful completion of his sexual offender treatment program by a provider experienced in sex offender specific treatment;
- He must submit a new sexual offender risk assessment completed by a Board Certified psychiatrist with experience in sexual offender assessments who the Board has approved prior to the sexual offender risk assessment;
- The board may modify or deny the request for modification of his suspension. If board denies the request for modification, he will be offered a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing under Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- If the Board agrees to modify, the Board may set any additional conditions, including but not limited to, that he have staff or another adult present at all times if and when he treats children under the age of eighteen;
- He shall execute a release that the treatment program report and the new sexual offender risk assessment evaluation be released directly to the Board from the providers;
- He shall not apply for any licensure with the Board during his suspension;
- If the Board modifies his suspension, he shall comply with Chapter 4753 of the Ohio Revised Code, all other federal and state statues and rules governing the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology in the state of Ohio, and all Board requests related to his license;
- The Consent Agreement must be signed and returned to the board office within 15 days of receipt;
- If the terms of the Consent Agreement are not accepted, a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing will be issued for his two convictions.

#### **Motion #7**

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2016-40. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. Dr. Froehlich abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

**C. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry**

<b>OPENED</b>	Cases since the last Board Meeting 12/9/2015	6
<b>CLOSED</b>	Cases since the last board meeting 12/9/2015	10
<b>TOTAL Open Cases</b>	After closing any cases today (includes referrals)	29
<b>Consumer Complaints</b>	Of total open cases	15
<b>Referrals</b>	Of total open cases	14

**Of the cases currently open, the Investigative Categories are listed below:**

Application Requirement Not Met	2
Billing Fraud	4
Continuing Education Violation	4
Conviction Application Review	0
Conviction	1
False or Misleading Advertisement	3
Falsified/Misleading Application and/or PEY Paperwork	1
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	1
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Other	1
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	0
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	2
Unlicensed Practice	0
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	10

**Update of Cases Previously Heard by the Board****2016-20 and 2016-33**

Both cases involve speech-language pathologists' who failed their 2014 Continuing Education Audit. Their January 28, 2016 scheduled administrative hearing (2016-33) and Goldman hearing (2016-20) have been continued and rescheduled for May 10, 2016.

**2014 Continuing Education (CE) Audit**

The following have been audited for their 2013-2014 licensure biennium CE clock hours:

	Issued CE Audit Notices	Audited for Actual CE Hours	Pending Review	Reviewed- Pending Additional Info.	CE Not Reported	Passed of Actual Audited Hours	Failed of Actual Audited Hours
AUD- Includes: Random 10%, Part of 62 Late Renewals 1/1/15 through 2/6/15 and Part of 87 Prior Board Actions	48	47	0	0	(1 First Renewal, EVF completed)	43	4
SLP- Includes: Random 10%, Part of 62 Late Renewals 1/1/15 through	480	474	0	0	2 (6 of 8 were First Renewal,	434	40

2/6/15 and Part of 87 Prior Board Actions						EVF completed)		
Late Renewals 2/7/2015 through 12/31/2015	24	21	0	0	0	(3 First Renewal, EVF completed)	18	3
Board Members AUD	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Board Members SLP	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
	<b>558</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	2 (10)	<b>501</b>	<b>47</b>

558 were initially issued an audit notification letter; however, of the 558, only 548 had to report CE hours. The 10 were 'late first renewals' and completed an Employment Verification Form. To date, of the 548, all have been reviewed to 100% completeness with a 91% passing rate and 9% failure rate. The 2014 CE Audit is complete.

### Since the last meeting – Other Enforcement Activities and/or Outcome of some of the closed cases

- 4 Complaint Referrals to the Ohio Attorney General's Office – Consumer Protection Section
- 1 Complaint Referral to the Ohio Department of Education – Office for Exceptional Children
- 2 Warning letters "CE Requirement Not Met"
- 1 Warning letter in lieu of Formal Discipline
- 1 Warning letter for late submission, by 60 days or less, of Supervised Professional Experience Plan

### Referrals to Investigations since the last board meeting:

- None

### LICENSURE APPROVAL – Tammy Brown

#### A. License Review

### Speech-Language Pathology

#### Motion #8

Ms. Brown moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on December 15, 2015, January 4, 2016, and January 15, 2016. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### December 15, 2015

SP-5330-	Angela D. Stacy
SP-11959-	Sujini Ramachandar
SP-11960-	Anna Marie Naber
SP-11961-	Courtney J. Penney
SP-11962-	Mary Coch

#### January 4, 2016

SP-11964-	Laura Marie Pierce
SP-11965-	Shelby Alyse Rohan
SP-11966-	Batsheva Chaya Sheinis

SP-11967-	Laura L. Siegel
SP-11968-	Laura Lee Van Antwerp
SP-11969-	Stephanie Marie Barner
SP-11970-	Shaina Rochel Robinson
SP-11971-	Elizabeth Jane Snyder
SP-11972-	Lisa Catherine Helderman

**January 15, 2016**

SP-4262-	Rita Elizabeth Wedzikowski
SP-8374-	Molly A. Davis
SP-11973-	Abigail J. Foltz Hottle

<b>Audiology</b>
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**Motion #9**

Ms. Brown moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on December 15, 2015, January 4, 2016, and January 15, 2016. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**December 15, 2015**

A-01999-	Sara Marie DiStefano
A-02001-	Julie Marie Tudrick

**January 4, 2016**

A-02002-	Melissa Lynn Clark
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**January 15, 2016**

A-01210-	Devin Lochlan McCaslin
A-02003-	Christina Ann Wenning
A-02004-	Maggie Anne Goode
A-02005-	Lauren McGivern Keller

<b>Conditional Speech-Language Pathology</b>
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**Motion #10**

Ms. Brown moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on December 15, 2015, December 21, 2015, January 4, 2016, January 6, 2016, January 12, 2016, and January 15, 2016. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Wellman abstained.

**December 15, 2015**

COND-2016165-SP	Melissa Diane Orzechowski
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COND-2016166-SP	Ashley Marie Glock
COND-2016167-SP	Emily Clarice Goskey
COND-2016168-SP	Lynelle Marie Troyer

**December 21, 2015**

COND-2016169-SP	Hannah Meagan D'Souza
COND-2016170-SP	Amber Rae Torelli
COND-2016171-SP	Jenna Alyssa Thompson
COND-2016172-SP	Tina Nicole Sherman
COND-2016173-SP	Melissa Lynn Clark
COND-2016174-SP	Amanda Catherine Nelson
COND-2016175-SP	Lyndie Lee Brown
COND-2016176-SP	Cameron Ione Ulam
COND-2016177-SP	Paraskevi Anastasia Nikolaou
COND-2016178-SP	Hailey Ann Blosser
COND-2016179-SP	Kerry Elizabeth Teggart
COND-2016180-SP	Jordan Coakley
COND-2016181-SP	Britlee Helen Brost
COND-2016182-SP	Kate Brianne Fabrizio
COND-2016183-SP	Natasha Kristine Loveridge

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COND-2016184-SP	Julie Del Adelfia
COND-2016185-SP	Chelsey Elizabeth Grimes
COND-2016186-SP	Kylie Nicole Dysert
COND-2016187-SP	Joelle Bloom Umstead

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COND-2016188-SP	Nicole Elaine Tofani
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COND-2016189-SP	Alyssa Marie Coreno
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COND-2016190-SP	Ruth C Schwartz
COND-2016191-SP	Julie Sokol
COND-2016192-SP	Emilee Nicole Shiring
COND-2016193-SP	Krista Breann Gardner

**LICENSING SUMMARY**

Speech-Language Pathologist	6932
Audiologist	990
Inactives	AUD-38 / SLP-215
Conditional SLP	253
	394

SLP-Aide	8
AUD-Aide	69
Duals	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8683</b>

The Board recessed at approximately 4:12 p.m. and returned to Public Session at approximately 4:17 p.m.

**A. Applications for Review**

**Audiology Aides**

**Motion #11**

Ms. Brown moved to ratify the initial licensure application for Audiology Aide, license number **Aide.10026A** approved by the Executive Director on 12/30/2015. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #12**

Ms. Brown moved to ratify the initial licensure application for Audiology Aide, license number **Aide.10027A** approved by the Executive Director on 12/30/2015. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #13**

Ms. Brown moved to table the initial licensure application for Audiology Aide, number **012816-MMC** to obtain clarification regarding certain duties listed on the Aide Plan. Upon satisfactory clarification, the application may be approved. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Speech-Language Pathology Aides**

**Motion #14**

Dr. Wellman moved to approve the amended application for Speech-Language Pathology Aide, number **1282016-ACO**. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #15**

Dr. Wellman moved to approve the amended application for Speech-Language Pathology Aide, number **1282016-CCO**. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Licensure Applications**

None

**Special Applications**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed correspondences the Executive Director issued on its behalf since the last board meeting.

**MEMBER CONCERNS**

There were no member concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

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Dr. Karen K. Mitchell, Chairperson

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Tammy H. Brown, Vice Chairperson

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Date

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Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

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Date