



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

**Board Meeting Minutes of Thursday, March 13, 2014**

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson, Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, held at the Hilton-Columbus at Easton Town Center, 3900 Chagrin Drive; Columbus, Ohio 43219.

**Board Members – Roll Call:**

Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member and Chairperson  
Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., Audiology Board Members and Vice Chairperson  
Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, ABA, 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  
Elizabeth L. Tracy, Public Member

**Also Present:**

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

*Dr. Wellman was excused from the board meeting in order to attend a symposium on a topic the Board is monitoring.*

**OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no comments from the public or professional organizations. During the Board meeting, Ms. Thorpe Wiley acknowledged former board member, Dr. Valenta Ward Gravely, who was in attendance.

**AGENDA**

The agenda for the March 13, 2014, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

**Motion #1**

Ms. Brown moved to accept the agenda as submitted. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 21, 2014 board meeting were reviewed.

### **Motion #2**

Ms. Brown moved to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2014 board meeting. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley thanked the staff for their contributions to the Ohio Combined Charitable Campaign. She also thanked them for their hard work. She thanked Ms. Brown and Dr. Mitchell for their expertise and input regarding the Department of Health's proposed rules for the Hearing Aid Assistance Program. She expressed appreciation to Dr. Mitchell for providing additional information about the proposed rules to the Office of Common Sense Initiative. Ms. Thorpe Wiley also thanked Dr. Wellman for representing the Board by attending the symposium, entitled, "Ohio's Caseload Ratio Project: The Results, The Implications, and Where Do We Go From Here?" at the Ohio Speech Language Hearing Association's Convention.

## **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 contacts
- Year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2014;
- Number of license verification letters issued since the last meeting;
- Significant legislation;
- Update regarding the licensure renewal campaign for the 2015-2016 practice biennium;
- Status of the Internet Hearing Aid Sales Workgroup;
- Status of the new eLicensing 2.0 system;
- Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign;
- Status of board appointments;
- Board presentations at the 2014 Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention;
- Ethics Financial Disclosure Statements;
- Business Filing Statements;
- Product information Dr. Mitchell provided regarding the Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJD) device, which is used by dentists to reduce pain associated with TMJD; and
- Spring eNewsletter

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Motion #3**

Ms. Tracy moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code. Ms. Brown seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Brown: yes; Dr. Froehlich: yes; Dr. Mitchell: yes; Ms. Tracy: yes; Dr. Wellman: excused absence; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:19 a.m. and invited Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl R. Hawkinson to remain in attendance.

The Board returned to Public Session at 10:26 a.m.

*The Board recessed for a break and returned to public session at 10:35 a.m.*

## **FORMAL RULES HEARING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 119 OHIO REVISED CODE**

At 10:35 a.m., the Board conducted a Public Rules Hearing.

### **The following rule was proposed as a new rule:**

4753-3-12 – Summary Suspension for Human Trafficking Conviction

Sets forth procedures for summary suspension of a license upon notification by a prosecutor of a human trafficking conviction.

### **The following rule was proposed as an amended rule:**

4753-4-01 – Continuing Education Requirements

Requires that two of the twenty hours of continuing education relate to ethics.

There were no witnesses present or written testimony submitted for the hearing, which concluded at approximately 10:50 a.m.

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

Ms. Hawkinson thanked Ms. Brown for assisting the Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Section. The information Ms. Brown provided was used to assist consumers find appropriate warranty coverage after the Consumer Protection Section took action against a Cleveland company for fraudulent activities.

**INVESTIGATIONS****A. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry**

<b>OPENED</b>	Cases since the last Board Meeting 1/21/2014	2
<b>CLOSED</b>	Cases since the last board meeting 1/21/2014	12
<b>TOTAL Open Cases</b>		23
<b>Consumer Complaints</b>	Of total open cases	16
<b>Referrals</b>	Of total open cases	7

**Of the 23 cases currently open, the Investigative Categories are listed below:**

Billing Fraud	1
Continuing Education Violation	0
False or Misleading Advertisement	11
Falsified/Misleading Application	1
Felony Conviction/Crime Involving Moral Turpitude	0
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	1
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	1
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	3
Unlicensed Practice	1
Unprofessional Conduct	4

**Other Enforcement Activities****Warning Letters- Non Case Related:**

Per the Investigative Review Group Guidelines, zero warning letters have been issued since the last board meeting due to late submission, by 60 days or less, of the following paperwork.

- Supervised Professional Experience Report (Report) and Supervision Contacts Log (Log)
- Plan for Supervised Professional Experience (Plan)
- Worked Beyond Plan End Date

**Referrals to Investigations since the last board meeting:****Pending review:**

- Report and Log late by more than 60 days 1

**Case 2014-18**, a request for a hearing was received and is scheduled for the May 8, 2014 board meeting.

## **LICENSURE APPROVAL – Dr. Karen Mitchell**

### **A. License Review**

<b>Speech-Language Pathology</b>
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#### **Motion #4**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on February 3, 2014, February 17, 2014, and March 3, 2014. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **February 3, 2014**

SP-5551-	Ruth Jerome Fultz	Relicensure
SP-7542-	Kristin Nicole Post	Relicensure
SP-7949-	Johanna Gilland	Relicensure
SP-11098-	Julie Elizabeth Streck	
SP-11099-	Johanna Lynn Vine	
SP-11100-	Rose Anna Vargo	
SP-11101-	Rebecca M. Moore	

#### **February 17, 2014**

SP-5182-	Andrea L. Siek	Restoration
SP-11102-	Alexis Nicole Mingione	
SP-11103-	Alissa S. Rubin	
SP-11104-	Jacqueline Danielle Orona	
SP-11105-	Kristina Marie Smith	
SP-11106-	Shana Rae Szycka	
SP-11107-	Kathryn M. Roemer	
SP-11108-	Crystal D. Mayes	
SP-11109-	Angela Marie Pollic	
SP-11110-	Priya Rani Bawa	
SP-11111-	Kathryn A. Bochi	
SP-11112-	Chelsea Christine Crofford	
SP-11113-	Juliana Marie Etson	
SP-11114-	Anna Kathryn Kline	
SP-11115-	Matthew Stephen Kustera	
SP-11116-	Casey Stewart Keck	

SP-11117- Ashley A. Soyez

### **March 3, 2014**

SP-11118- Stephanie Marie Winner  
SP-11119- Laura Lee Bardsley Schmitt  
SP-11120- Brittany Leigh Stankovic  
SP-11121- Rebecca Lynn Nelson  
SP-11122- Lauren Elizabeth Klenk  
SP-11123- Kimberly Ann Karbon  
SP-11124- Amber Marie Hiszem  
SP-11125- Julie Anne Koci  
SP-11126- John David Cone III  
SP-11127- Johna Renae Simmons  
SP-11128- Stephanie Menough Brajot  
SP-11129- Patricia Ann Wittke  
SP-11130- Dawn A. Stephanovich

## **Audiology**

### **Motion #5**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on February 3, 2014, February 17, 2014, and March 3, 2014. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **February 3, 2014**

A-01885- Linda Lee Garrelts

### **February 17, 2014**

A-01886- Stephen J. Cadwell

### **March 3, 2014**

A-01887- Kelsie Marie Tomlin

## **Conditional Speech-Language Pathology**

### **Motion #6**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on February 3, 2014, February 17, 2014, and March 3, 2014. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**February 3, 2014**

COND-2014164-SP	Lisa Diane Heintzelman
COND-2014165-SP	Tricia Ann Jones
COND-2014166-SP	Esther Miriam Krupenia
COND-2014167-SP	Victoria L. Gora
COND-2014168-SP	Anne Michlle Hockman
COND-2014169-SP	Patricia M. Keefer

**February 17, 2014**

COND-2014170-SP	Sukhpreet Kaur Rakieten
COND-2014171-SP	Daniel Richard Barnes
COND-2014172-SP	Kathryn VanDyke Schmauss

**March 3, 2014**

COND-2014173-SP	Alaina Danielle Pan
COND-2014174-SP	Eileen H Kitral

**Student Permits**

None

**LICENSING SUMMARY**

Speech-Language Pathologist	6610
Audiologist	936
Inactives      AUD / SLP	26/156
Conditional SLP	360
SLP-Aide	63
AUD-Aide	8
Duals	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8199</b>

**A. Applications for Review****Audiology Aides****Motion #7**

Dr. Mitchell moved to approve initial application for Audiology Aide, number **3132014-1**. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Speech-Language Pathology Aides****Motion #8**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve initial application for Speech-Language Pathology Aide, number **3132014-2**. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #9**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve the initial application for Speech-Language Pathology Aide, number **3132014-3**. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Licensure Applications**

None

**Special Applications****Motion #10**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to deny the request made by Conditional Speech-Language Pathology, number **3132014-4** to accept their Supervised Professional Experience Report and Log as meeting the licensure requirement. Dr. Froehlich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****A. Rules Committee – Ms. Brown, Chair**

Ms. Brown reported that the Rules Committee is scheduled this afternoon at approximately 3:00 p.m. to review and prioritize their initiatives for 2014.

**B. Professional Competency Committee – Dr. Wellman, Chair**

Mr. Thornton reported that the Professional Competency Committee will meet this afternoon at approximately 1:30 p.m. to review and prioritize their initiatives for 2014.

**C. Policy and Procedure Committee – Ms. Thorpe Wiley, Chair**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley stated there were no reports or updates at this time for the Policy and Procedure Committee.

**BOARD BUSINESS****A. 2014 Strategic Plan**

The Board reviewed a final draft of the strategic plan for 2014.

**Motion #11**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the Board’s Strategic Plan for 2014. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Board Surveys

The Board reviewed the licensure retirement survey and professional issues survey that were distributed to licensees in December 2013. The Board referred both surveys to the Professional Competency Committee for further review and discussion.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**MEMBER CONCERNS**

There were no member concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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Ms. Amy Thorpe Wiley, Chairperson

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Dr. Karen K. Mitchell, Vice Chairperson

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