



**Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology  
77 South High Street, Suite 1659  
Columbus, OH 43215**

**Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, May 8, 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 Vern Riffe Center for Government, 77 South High St., 31<sup>st</sup> Floor - Board Room, Columbus, OH 43215.

**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  
Helen L. Mayle, Public Member

**Also Present:**

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director  
Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator  
Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no comments from members of the public or professional organizations.

**AGENDA**

The agenda for the May 8, 2014, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

**Motion #1**

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 13, 2014 board meeting were reviewed.

**Motion #2**

Ms. Brown moved to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2014 board meeting. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley announced that the Board was recently informed of Elizabeth Tracy's resignation from the board to accept a board member appointment with the Ohio Ethics Commission. Ms. Thorpe Wiley expressed the Board's appreciation for Ms. Tracy's service and dedication. Ms. Thorpe Wiley introduced Ms. Helen Mayle who was appointed to complete Ms. Tracy's remaining term. The Board introduced themselves and extended Ms. Mayle a warm welcome. Ms. Thorpe Wiley thanked Ms. Brown for testifying in support of HB488, which streamlines licensure requirements for military veterans and their spouses. Ms. Thorpe Wiley also acknowledge Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Thornton for representing the Board at the Legislative Event on April 8, 2014. She acknowledged Dr. Wellman for testifying on behalf of the Board before the Ohio Department of Education regarding amendments to the Special Education Operating Standards on April 14, 2014. Ms. Thorpe Wiley thanked Dr. Wellman, Dr. Froehlich, and Mr. Thornton for attending the workgroup committee meeting on SLP shortages and caseloads on May 7, 2014.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Motion #3**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley 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. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Brown: yes; Dr. Froehlich: yes; Dr. Mitchell: yes; Ms. Mayle: yes; Dr. Wellman: yes; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:38 a.m. and invited Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl R. Hawkinson to remain in attendance.

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:42 a.m.

## **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 during the 2013-2014 practice biennium;
- Update regarding the new eLicensing 2.0 System;
- Status of board appointments;
- Ethics Financial Disclosure Statements due May 15, 2014;

- Update regarding Business Filing Statements;
- Update regarding OMNIE
- Spring eNewsletter

## **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 March 17, 2014, April 1, 2014, and April 15, 2014. Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **March 17, 2014**

SP-11131-	Kaitlin Marie Tyner
SP-11132-	Sarah Elizabeth Uddstrom
SP-11133-	Kimberly Renee Ogden
SP-11134-	Scarlet Susan Nevada Shaffer
SP-11135-	Molly Elizabeth McManus
SP-11136-	Heather M. Sheers
SP-11137-	Stacie Maree Clay
SP-11138-	Adriana Patricia Muzquiz
SP-11139-	Allison Elizabeth Fifolt
SP-11140-	Nicole Leigh Russick
SP-11141-	Sarah Anne Riggleman
SP-11142-	Ally O. Frustos
SP-11143-	Michelle Lin Coffaro
SP-11144-	Mary E. Brazier
SP-11145-	Masha A. Cherpakov
SP-11146-	Jennie Alaine Evans
SP-11147-	Katlin Rae Douglas
SP-11148-	Maeve Eilis Kelly

#### **April 1, 2014**

SP-11149-	Sarah Jane Sudhoff
SP-11150-	Amanda Rose Thompson
SP-11151-	Erin Nichole Smith
SP-11152-	Lauren Tadlock
SP-11153-	Anna McVicker Poling

SP-11154-	Sara Ann Reddick
SP-11155-	Michelle Lynn Rosh
SP-11156-	Sarah Lynn Swoger
SP-11157-	Kathryn Marie Plath
SP-11158-	Laura Nichole Baker
SP-11159-	Amanda Nicole Gentner
SP-11160-	Ellen Beth Handler
SP-11161-	Danielle Marie Jeglie
SP-11162-	Nicole M. Holzemer
SP-11163-	Logan Renee Haines
SP-11164-	Courtney Nicole Douglas
SP-11165-	Katelyn Elizabeth Galica
SP-11166-	Jana Susan Greenhagen
SP-11167-	Katherine Ann Dominguez
SP-11168-	Megan Rachelle Harr
SP-11169-	Lisa Ann Bizon
SP-11171-	Stacie A. Hoban
SP-11172-	Caroline Maria Menezes

**April 15, 2014**

SP-11170-	McKenzie K. Blair	
SP-11173-	Kirsten Suzanne Stantz	
SP-11174-	Derrick Robinson	
SP-11175-	Sarah Elizabeth Wagner	
SP-11176-	Evangela Hazimihalis	
SP-11177-	Tanya Alyse August	
SP-11178-	Abbie Rae Brewer	
SP-11179-	Ann Elizabeth Dillard	
SP-11180-	Jenna Marie Ahlers	
SP-11181-	Gina Glynn	
SP-11182-	Lindsay DeAnn Dolan	
SP-11183-	Karyn Nicole Toth	
SP-11184-	Heather K. Schario	
SP-11185-	Anna Kathleen Rotterman	
SP-2647-	Maryann C. Moses	Relicensure
SP-3245-	Lori A. Clements	Relicensure

<b>Audiology</b>
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**Motion #5**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on March 17, 2014, April 1, 2014, and April 15, 2014. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **March 17, 2014**

A-01888- Whitney Ayres Brandhorst

### **April 1, 2014**

A-01889- Danielle R. Hoenig  
A-01890- Elizabeth Ann Meinecke

### **April 15, 2014**

None

## Conditional Speech-Language Pathology

### **Motion #6**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on March 17, 2014, April 1, 2014, and April 15, 2014. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **March 17, 2014**

COND-2014175-SP Shanna Renee Bodnar  
COND-2014176-SP Cassandra Sue Brady  
COND-2014177-SP Kristin Ann Kvaka

### **April 1, 2014**

COND-2014178-SP Lynn Kneile

### **April 15, 2014**

COND-2014179-SP Tarah N Lewis  
COND-2014180-SP Mara Leigh Pranzarone

## Student Permits

None

### **LICENSING SUMMARY**

Speech-Language Pathologist	6691
Audiologist	942

Inactives	AUD / SLP	26/156
Conditional SLP		311
SLP-Aide		10
AUD-Aide		63
Duals		40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8239</b>

**A. Applications for Review**

**Audiology Aides**

**Motion #7**

Ms. Brown moved to approve the application for Audiology Aide, number **05082014-1** on the condition that a new Plan is submitted without duties referencing use of an otoscope. Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #8**

Ms. Brown moved to approve the amended application for Audiology Aide, number **05082014-2**. Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #9**

Ms. Brown moved to approve the application for Audiology Aide, number **05082014-3**. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Speech-Language Pathology Aides**

None

**Licensure Applications**

None

**Special Applications**

None

**INVESTIGATIONS**

**A. Executive Session**

**Motion #10**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley 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). Dr. Wellman seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Brown: yes; Dr. Froehlich: yes; Dr. Mitchell: yes; Ms. Mayle: yes; Dr. Wellman: yes; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 10:18 a.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 10:34 a.m.*

## **B. Board Actions**

### **2013-27**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who was terminated from his PRN position of a long term care facility for having engaged in unprofessional conduct with a female co-worker during the course of employment and while engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology. The employer reported the termination to the Board office.

#### **Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends the following in this case:**

Due to Respondent's admissions and for violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4753.10(I)(M), and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4753-3-08(I)(M) and 4753-9-01(B)(1), unprofessional and unethical conduct, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Reprimand;
- Complete a minimum of 5 continuing education hours in the area of ethics related to professional relationships in the workplace, cultural competency and interpersonal working relationships;
- Submit proof of the continuing education hours within 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement. These continuing education hours will not be applicable towards the 20 continuing education hours required for licensure renewal upon completion of the 2013-2014 practice biennium.

#### **Motion #11**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2013-27. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

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

<b>OPENED</b>	Cases since the last Board Meeting 3/13/2014	14
<b>CLOSED</b>	Cases since the last board meeting 3/13/2014	19
<b>TOTAL Open Cases</b>	After closing any cases today (includes referrals)	18
<b>Consumer Complaints</b>	Of total open cases	12
<b>Referrals</b>	Of total open cases	6

**Of the 18 cases currently open, the Investigative Categories are listed below:**

Billing Fraud	0
Continuing Education Violation	0
Conviction Application	0
Conviction	1
False or Misleading Advertisement	9
Falsified/Misleading Application	0
Felony Conviction/Crime Involving Moral Turpitude	0
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	0
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Other	0
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	1
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	2
Unlicensed Practice	1
Unprofessional Conduct	4

### **Other Enforcement Activities since the last board meeting:**

#### **Warning Letters:**

- Late Supervised Professional Experience Report and Contacts Log: 5
- Practiced beyond approved Supervised Professional Experience Plan end date: 1
- Late Plan for Supervised Professional Experience: 1
- Unprofessional documentation of therapy notes and billing: 1

#### **Cease and Desist Letters:**

- Practice of speech-language pathology and audiology without a license: 6

#### **Compliance with Adjudication Order:**

- Case No, 2012-137: Mary Reno, Audiologist, has complied with the terms of her Adjudication Order. This case is closed.

Mr. Thornton and Dr. Mitchell acknowledged Ms. Stansberry's hard work investigating several complaints that resulted in the issuance of Cease and Desist letters.

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

Assistant Attorney General Hawkinson updated the Board regarding its handling of licensure applications in which an official transcript is not received within ninety days of issuance of the license. Ms. Hawkinson stated that missing transcripts may be treated as abandoned applications.

*The Board took a break at 10:47 a.m. and returned to Public Session at 10:54 a.m.*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Rules Committee – Ms. Tammy Brown

Ms. Brown stated that the Rules Committee is reviewing rules under five year review and anticipates a rules hearing by the end of this year.

B. Professional Competency Committee – Dr. Linda Wellman

Dr. Wellman stated that the Professional Competency Committee (PCC) will be meeting immediately following the board meeting. She updated the Board regarding the PCC's activities at their last meeting on March 13, 2014. She also updated the Board regarding a workgroup committee meeting held on May 7, 2014, to discuss SLP shortages and caseloads in the school setting.

C. Policy and Procedure Committee – Ms. Amy Thorpe Wiley

Ms. Thorpe Wiley stated that the Policy and Procedure Committee will be updating policies and procedures scheduled for review this year.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. Request To Approve Continuing Education Program

The Board reviewed a request to approve a continuing education program entitled, "A Family-Centered Approach for Apraxia" for 1.5 contact hours sponsored by Cornerstone Speech Therapy.

### **Motion #12**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve "A Family-Centered Approach for Apraxia" as meeting the Board's continuing education requirements for 1.5 contact hours specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Board Expenditures for FY2014

### **Motion #13**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve Quote Number 14006 dated April 15, 2014, from Brown Enterprise Solutions in the amount of \$4,355.00 for the purchase of four desktop computers and one notebook computer. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Motion #14**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve a professional development webinar for the Board's Investigator, sponsored by the Council on Licensure Enforcement & Regulation, entitled, "Behavior-Based Interview," in the amount of \$60.00. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Motion #15**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve a professional development webinar for the Board's Investigator, sponsored by the Council on Licensure Enforcement & Regulation, entitled, "Best Practices for Disciplinary Process," in the amount of \$60.00. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #16**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve the purchase of twenty additional Response Cards from Turning Technologies in the amount of \$940.00. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #17**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to ratify the Executive Director's approval of Invoice #06712 from the Council on Licensure Enforcement & Regulation dated April 17, 2014, in the amount of \$345.00 for the NCIT Basic Training registration in Columbus from June 23-25, 2014 for the Board's investigator. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #18**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to ratify the Executive Director's approval of Invoice #06783 from the Council on Licensure Enforcement & Regulation dated April 24, 2014, in the amount of \$60.00 for an online training program for the Board's investigator. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Workgroup – SLP Caseloads/Shortages – Update**

The Board reviewed recommendations made in 2006 to address SLP shortages in the schools. The Board noted that this issue will need to be studied again to determine the extent of any shortages anticipated within the next five years. The Board further noted that changes expected in 2015 to the State Teachers Retirement System may accelerate SLP shortages in the school setting.

**D. Committee Assignment – New Board Member**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley assigned new board member Helen Mayle to the Professional Competency Committee and Policy and Procedures Committee.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence presented at this board meeting.

**MEMBER CONCERNS**

There were no concerns raised by board members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Ms. Amy Thorpe Wiley, Chairperson

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Dr. Karen K. Mitchell, Vice Chairperson

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