



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

Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, May 11, 2016

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chairperson, Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., held at the Vern Riffe Center for Government, 77 South High St., 31st Floor – West B & C Room, Columbus, OH 43215.

Board Members – Roll Call:

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

Excused Absence:

Linda L. Wellman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board 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 11, 2016, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed. The Board was informed that the administrative hearing in case number 2016-33 was continued until the June board meeting.

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 March 10, 2016 board meeting were reviewed. Ms. Brown noted two grammatical revisions.

Motion #2

Ms. King moved to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2016 board meeting with the revisions noted. Dr. Prakup seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Dr. Karen Mitchell thanked Mr. Thornton for providing ethics presentations to licensees in various work settings. She also thanked him for his assistance in preparing opponent testimony on HB 184 proposing licensure for music therapy. She stated that the spring newsletter included updates on several important licensure issues and featured an excellent board viewpoint. Dr. Mitchell thanked Ms. Mayle, Dr. Spangler, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Thornton for attending the legislative event, noting that the event serves as a great networking opportunity for the Board. She also thanked Dr. Spangler and Mr. Thornton for attending the Ohio Speech-Language Pathology Supervisory and Audiology Network meeting and providing updates on educational audiology initiatives being pursued by the Board this year. Dr. Mitchell thanked the staff for their continued hard work, dedication, and teamwork.

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;
- Financial disclosure statements for 2015;
- Spring Newsletter;
- Ethics presentations

The Board recessed at 10:05 a.m. and returned to public session at 10:15 a.m.

PROPOSED DISCIPLINARY ACTION HEARINGS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 119

A. Stacie Arnfield, Case No. 2016-33

This hearing was continued until the board meeting scheduled for June 14, 2016.

B. Vivian Anderson, Case No. 2016-20

At approximately 10:18 a.m., the Board conducted an administrative disciplinary hearing, pursuant to Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio, in the matter of Vivian Anderson. The Board was represented by Senior Assistant Attorney General, Cheryl R. Hawkinson. Ms. Anderson did not request a hearing and there were no other parties present. Dr. Mitchell presided over the disciplinary hearing. The hearing concluded at approximately 10:47 a.m.

Board Recess – Quasi-Judicial Deliberation – In Re Suitability of Vivian Anderson To Be Licensed As A Speech-Language Pathologist In the State of Ohio, License No. SP.1874.

At approximately 10:57 a.m., the Board recessed for the purpose of having a quasi-judicial deliberation, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119, in the matter of Vivian Anderson. The Board invited Mr. Thornton to remain in attendance. Dr. Froehlich, Ms. Stansberry, 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 11:20 a.m.

Board Actions – Adjudication Order – Vivian Anderson, SP.1874

The Board made the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in the matter of Vivian Anderson:

Findings of Fact:

1. Ms. Anderson is licensed as a speech-language pathologist in the State of Ohio, SP.1874.
2. Ms. Anderson renewed her license on December 31, 2014 and was selected for a continuing education audit.
3. Ms. Anderson was required to submit proof of completing twenty hours of continuing education during the 2013-2014 licensure biennium.
4. Ms. Anderson failed to submit proof that she completed the required twenty hours of continuing education after receiving three audit notification letters. Ms. Anderson failed to complete at least ten hours of continuing education specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology.
5. Ms. Anderson attested “yes” on her 2015-2016 renewal application that she would complete twenty hours of continuing education.
6. This is Ms. Anderson’s second continuing education audit failure.
7. Ms. Anderson submitted a request for waiver of the continuing education requirements.
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. Anderson for failure to comply with the continuing education requirements for the 2013-2014 licensure biennium. Ms. Anderson did not request a hearing. Ms. Anderson received notice of her scheduled hearing date by certificate of mailing.
9. State’s Exhibits #1-18 were introduced and admitted into the official record in this matter.
10. The testimony and the Exhibits establish that Ms. Anderson failed to submit the required documents and/or information to comply with her 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:

(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. Vivian Anderson 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. Anderson attested “Yes” on her 2015-2016 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. Anderson’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. Anderson’s license to practice speech-language pathology in the State of Ohio is hereby **REVOKED**.

Motion #3

Dr. Spangler moved to accept the Board’s findings of fact, conclusions of law, and revocation of Ms. Anderson’s speech-language pathology license in the matter of Vivian Anderson, Case No. 2016-20. Ms. King seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Brown: yes; Ms. King: yes; Ms. Mayle: yes; Dr. Mitchell: yes; Dr. Prakup: yes; Dr. Spangler: yes; Dr. Wellman: excused absence. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Froehlich abstained.

LICENSURE APPROVAL – Tammy Brown

A. License Review

Speech-Language Pathology

Motion #4

Ms. Brown moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on March 15, 2016, April 1, 2016, April 15, 2016 and May 2, 2016. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

March 15, 2016

SP-5887-	Sharon Lynn Queen	re-licensure
SP-7533-	Kelly Friedman Klein	re-licensure
SP-12008-	Jessica L Hart	
SP-12009-	Kylie Frances Cicco	
SP-12016-	Paula T. Samorezov	
SP-12017-	Laura Katharine Derrickson	
SP-12018-	Caryn Stanowick	
SP-12019-	Ashley Nicole Thompson	
SP-12020-	Jennifer Zumwald	
SP-12021-	Emily Claire Waler	
SP-12022-	Kelly Lynn McNamee	
SP-12023-	Olivia Marie Murphy	
SP-12024-	Caitlyn Rae Rogers	
SP-12025-	Kristin Elizabeth Jurek	
SP-12026-	Courtney Elizabeth Combs	
SP-12027-	Jenaye Celeste Garver	
SP-12028-	Amanda Jane Biggert	
SP-12029-	Joseph John Holodnak	

SP-12030-	Brynn Ashton Flory
SP-12031-	Lindsay M. Dawson
SP-12032-	Naomi Jean Bell Schneider
SP-12033-	Shoshana C. Bennett
SP-12034-	Heather Marie Riga

April 1, 2016

SP-7905-	Patricia Schneider	re-licensure
SP-10435-	Kevin D. Thompson	re-licensure
SP-12035-	Ashley Lynn Speelman	
SP-12036-	Lindsey Jean Schaser	
SP-12037-	Melanie Elizabeth Raines	
SP-12038-	Jenna Marie Peters	
SP-12039-	Valerie Yvonne Shure	
SP-12040-	Evelyn Rachelle Schwer	
SP-12041-	Emily Jane Richard	
SP-12042-	Nicole Elizabeth Miller	
SP-12043-	Tara Jane Vybiral	
SP-12044-	Jaimie L. Ramsey	
SP-12045-	Michelle Lynn Ranta	
SP-12046-	Briana Elizabeth Schatzel	
SP-12047-	Sarah RaeNel Daymon-Yingling	
SP-12048-	Ashley Jeannette Hotchkiss	
SP-12049-	Nicole Yockey Munn	
SP-12050-	Megan Therese Keleshian	
SP-12051-	Natalie Ann Gibbons	
SP-12052-	Jeannine E Abel	
SP-12053-	Casey Rose Grimm	

April 15, 2016

SP-5902-	Kelly A. Campbell	re-licensure
SP-10862-	Jessica Michelle Mayes	re-licensure
SP-12054-	Lee Anne Osborne	
SP-12055-	Susan Anne Geiger	
SP-12056-	Anthony Joseph Garafolo	
SP-12057-	Brienne Marie Worek	
SP-12058-	Sanaa Keith	
SP-12059-	Jennifer Lynn Smith	
SP-12060-	Natalie Esther Bernstein	
SP-12061-	Rachel Marie Bowersock	
SP-12062-	Cassandra Jade Klaffer	
SP-12063-	Kaitlynn Nicole Wooten	
SP-12064-	Kristen Anne Seambos	

SP-12065- Allison Marie Stong
 SP-12066- Allison Jo Moore
 SP-12067- Brittany Leigh Parker
 SP-12068- Delaney Rae Malley

May 2, 2016

SP-12069- Laura Ann Fowler
 SP-12070- Amy Aleen Pauszek
 SP-12071- Antigone Jael Fleck
 SP-12072- Amy Elizabeth Ochi
 SP-12073- Janella Sue Clarke
 SP-12074- Veedra Elaine Francis
 SP-12075- Julie Del Adelpia
 SP-12076- Allison Dawn Lotter
 SP-12077- Megan Hope Kasputis
 SP-12078- Brianna Ceara Laoidhea Hogan
 SP-12079- Ryan Lewis Holmes
 SP-12080- Anne Michelle Hockman
 SP-12081- Paige Elizabeth Hamill
 SP-12082- Cassandra Guarneros
 SP-12083- Megan Jean Evans
 SP-12084- Andrea Marie Cooper
 SP-12085- Caitlin Marlene Coholich
 SP-12086- Julie Ann Pinter
 SP-12087- Katherine Marie Macke
 SP-12088- Trevor Alan Scott
 SP-12089- Jessica Lynn Wallace
 SP-12090- Halley Lorelle Lavender

Audiology**Motion #5**

Ms. Brown moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on March 15, 2016, April 1, 2016 and May 2, 2016. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

March 15, 2016

A-01462 Nicole L. Hacker re-licensure

April 1, 2016

A-02010- Ashley Marie Long

May 2, 2016

A-02011-	Kristen Elkins Somogyi
A-02012-	Lindsay Marie Whitney
A-02013-	John Thomas Sabol
A-02014-	Margaret Joan Tomko
A-02015-	Megan Renee Lukosavich
A-02016-	Grant Robert Hollister
A-02017-	Rachel Diana Ranz

Conditional Speech-Language Pathology
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Motion #6

Ms. Brown moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on April 15, 2016, April 19, 2016, April 21, 2016 and May 2, 2016. Dr. Froehlich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

April 15, 2016

COND-2016203-SP	Rachael Marie Walunis
COND-2016204-SP	Angelica Blue

April 19, 2016

COND-2016205-SP	Hedieh Hashemi Hosseinabad
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April 21, 2016

COND-2016206-SP	Sarah Brianne Meeker
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May 2, 2016

COND-2016207-SP	Julia Hester Tromblay
COND-2016208-SP	Amanda Raye Reigelsperger

LICENSING SUMMARY

Speech-Language Pathologist	7059
Audiologist	1006
Inactive Audiologist	37
Inactive Speech-Language Pathologist	214
Conditional SLP	350
SLP-Aide	8
AUD-Aide	71
Duals	37
TOTAL	8782

A. Applications for Review

Audiology Aides**Motion #7**

Ms. Brown moved to *approve* the initial licensure application for Audiology Aide, number 051116-CAR. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #8

Ms. Brown moved to *approve* the initial licensure application for Audiology Aide, number 051116-MAR. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Speech-Language Pathology Aides

None

Licensure Applications

1. Speech-Language Pathology Aide Application – Barbara Courtot
 - a. Withdrawal of Aide application and withdrawal of Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Case No. 2016-53

Motion #9

Dr. Mitchell moved to withdraw the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued in Case No. 2016-53 based on Ms. Courtot's request to withdraw her speech-language pathology aide application. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Speech-Language Pathology Aide Application – Sally Hocking
 - a. Withdrawal of Aide application and withdrawal of Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Case No. 2016-54

Motion #10

Dr. Mitchell moved to withdraw the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued in Case No. 2016-54 based on Ms. Hocking's request to withdraw her speech-language pathology aide application. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Application for Reinstatement - Linda Miller

The Board considered an application for reinstatement of license submitted by Linda Miller.

Motion #11

Dr. Prakup moved to deny the application for reinstatement submitted by Linda Miller. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Miller will receive a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing based upon this action.

4. Application for Reinstatement – Robert Williams

The Board considered an application for reinstatement of license submitted by Robert Williams. The Board requested Robert Williams submit additional documentation within thirty days demonstrating completion of continuing education. The Board tabled Dr. Williams' application for reinstatement of his audiology license until the next meeting scheduled for June 14, 2016.

Special Applications

None

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Hawkinson updated the Board about a recent Ohio Supreme Court decision addressing the Open Meetings Act and use of electronic communications and personal devices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Only if required by AAG)

Motion #12

Dr. 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. Mitchell: yes; Dr. Prakup: yes; Dr. Spangler: yes; Dr. Wellman: excused absence

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:26 p.m. and invited Board staff and its Assistant Attorney General to remain in attendance.

The Board returned to Public Session at 12:43 p.m.

INVESTIGATIONS

B. Board Actions

NEW

2015-34

This case involves an audiologist who resigned in lieu of termination, from her employer of twenty-three plus years, due to patient privacy concerns/HIPAA violation. Quarterly access audits on groups of patients are performed, by the employer, within their electronic medical record system (EMRS). During the December 2014 quarterly audit, a particular patient was included with the audit group. This patients' file had been viewed under the licensee's EMRS assigned Username/Password (UP) with no business reason to do so.

Accordingly the Investigative Review Group Committee (Investigative Review Group) recommends issuing a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to reprimand, place on probation, suspend or revoke her audiology license for violation of Ohio Revised Code 4753.10 (I), (J), and (M) and Ohio Administrative Codes 4753-3-08 (I), (J), and (M), 4753-9-01 (A)(2)(e) and (5),(6) and (9), 4753-9-01 (B)(1)(c)(i) and (2)(d).

Motion #13

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case **2015-34**. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. Dr. Froehlich abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

2015-79

This case involves a recently licensed speech-language pathologist, as of May 2016, who while under her first conditional license at her previous place of employment:

- During her Supervised Professional Experience (SPE), she maintained inadequate documentation of services she rendered. On several therapy notes she unintentionally documented the wrong date of service for dates either she or a student was absent;
- Her SPE supervisor extended her experience to address the documentation issues; however, at the end of her experience she did not meet her supervisor's expectations. The supervisor did not recommend any of her SPE weeks.

She resigned, obtained new employment, under new supervision, and began a new SPE. She completed her experience March 2016, under a second conditional license, with no repeat documentation issues.

The Investigative Review Group offered a Consent Agreement, for violation of Ohio Revised Code section 4753.10(I), (M) and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4753-3-08(I), (M) and 4753-9-01(A)(7)(b), (B)(2)(a), (B)(6)(a)(iii) – Unprofessional conduct based on the following terms and conditions:

- Complete 8 hours of continuing education in the area of documentation, related to speech therapy in a school setting, and 2 hours in the area of ethics;
- Proof of these 10 hours shall be submitted to the Board office 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement;
- If she does not comply with the terms of her Consent Agreement, her SP license shall be automatically suspended until the terms are met.

The licensee agreed to the terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

Accordingly the Investigative Review Group recommends the Board approve the signed Consent Agreement and close this case.

Motion #14

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case **2015-79**. Ms. King seconded the motion. Dr. Froehlich abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

2016-26

This case involves a conditionally licensed speech-language pathologist, currently under a second conditional license, who:

- Initially applied seeking employment. Her SPE Plan (Plan) was received 258 days late;
- Receipt of her SPE Report and Contacts Log (Report/Log), it appeared that she completed thirty-six (36) fulltime weeks of experience, during 37 weeks of employment; however, review of her timesheets showed completion of 31 of weeks due to absences;
- Obtained new employment and practiced under her conditional license for forty-nine (49) days unsupervised and not under an approved Plan. She provided services for eighteen of the 49 days.

She began a new SPE October 2, 2015, under supervision of a person fully licensed by the board in the area in which licensure is sought and under an approved Plan. Her SPE will be complete August 2016.

The Investigative Review Group offered a Consent Agreement, for violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4753.02, 4753.071 and 4753.10 (I), (M) and Ohio Administrative Code sections

4753-3-07(B)(3), (C)(1)(b), (E)(1)(4)(b) and (e), and 4753-3-08(I), (M), based on the following terms and conditions:

- Suspend for forty-nine (49) days, staying half, serving suspension on designated days off (weekends, holidays, etc.);
- Submit a completed Report /Log within thirty (30) days of completing her fulltime experience. Her SPE end date will presumably be two weeks after school resumes August 2016.

The licensee agreed to the terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

Accordingly the Investigative Review Group recommends the Board approve the signed Consent Agreement and close this case.

Motion #15

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case **2016-26**. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. Dr. Froehlich abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

2016-59

This case involves a conditionally licensed speech-language pathologist, currently under a second conditional license, who after initially applying seeking employment:

- Submitted her SPE Report /Log 240 days late and after completion of her SPE; however, a Plan was not on file/had not been received prior to this;
- Two days later she submitted a Plan. Based on her SPE start date, her Plan was 511 days late;
- Listed on her second conditional application the same employer, same SPE supervisor, but a new practice site. An Amended Plan was not received;
- Did not report termination from her employer to the Board office. Effective 2/1/2016 she was terminated for:
 - Failure to comply with the Board's SPE Guidelines;
 - Not returning calls and texts in a timely manner to:
 - her SPE supervisor in order to meet/complete Board paperwork by Board deadlines;
 - her regional director regarding the Board's SPE Guidelines;
- Has not corresponded with the Board Investigator's multiple e-mails and voice mail messages that followed the "Contact the Board Investigator" letter mailed to her.

The issues above have not been addressed or discussed with her, as well as her SPE supervisor's following verbal and written admission to the Board Investigator:

- Upon employment, the supervisor was not approached by the Respondent to complete a Plan. She did not remember completing a Plan;
- The supervisor did complete, date and sign, the Report/Log;
- After review of a copy of the late Plan, the supervisor faxed a statement that page 3, the "To be Completed by the Supervisor" page, is not her handwriting, not her signature and not how she would date a document.

Accordingly the Investigative Review Group recommends issuing a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to reprimand, place on probation, suspend or revoke her conditional speech-language pathology license for violation of Ohio Revised Code section 4753.10 (B), (E)(1), (I) and (M), and

Ohio Administrative Code sections 4753-3-07(D)(3), (E)(1), (G)(1), and (4)(b) and (e), 4753-3-08(B)(E)(1), (I) and (M) and 4753-9-01(B)(1)(a), and (c)(ii).

Motion #16

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case **2016-59**. Dr. Prakup seconded the motion. Dr. Froehlich abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

Previously Heard by the Board

2016-42

A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued per the March 10, 2016 board meeting and Board vote. The Respondent requested a hearing. A hearing was scheduled and continued in order for the Board to better conduct its business. The Administrative Hearing is scheduled for August 9, 2016.

C. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry

OPENED	Cases since the last Board Meeting 3/10/2016	2
CLOSED	Cases since the last board meeting 3/10/2016	10
TOTAL Open Cases	After closing any cases today (includes referrals)	18
Consumer Complaints	Of total open cases	12
Referrals	Of total open cases	6

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

Application Requirement Not Met	0
Billing Fraud	4
Continuing Education Violation	2
Conviction Application Review	0
Conviction	1
False or Misleading Advertisement	1
Falsified/Misleading Application and/or PEY Paperwork	0
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	1
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Other	0
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	0
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	1
Unlicensed Practice	0
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	8

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

- 2 Warning Letters and 1 Warning Letter in lieu of Formal Discipline:
 - To conditional speech-language pathologists:

- Plan received less than 60 days late
 - Plan received more than 60 days late, Plan not received, Report/Log not signed by SPE supervisor (repeating SPE)
- Appeals were not received for the Adjudication Orders issued to two speech-language pathologists:
 - Linda Miller, SP.5593 – Revoked license
 - Julie Ford, SP.8953 – Reprimanded
 - There have been no Referrals to Investigations, since the last board meeting, pending review.
 - There have been no Complaint Referrals to other agencies, e.g., Ohio Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, Ohio Department of Education Office for Exceptional Children or other licensure regulatory boards, etc.

2015 Business Filings

The deadline for receipt of the filings was March 1, 2016. As of April 26, 2016, 1,166 filings were received. No issues have been found, e.g., practice under an expired license or unlicensed practice.

BOARD BUSINESS

A. Council on Academic Accreditation – 2017 Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

The Board reviewed new accreditation standards the Council on Academic Accreditation for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology will implement in August 2017. The Board will review its educational requirements for licensure to ensure equivalency with the new standards.

B. CE Broker Agreement

The Board renewed its agreement with CE Broker for continuing education tracking.

Motion #17

Dr. Mitchell moved to authorize the Executive Director to renew the agreement with CE Broker for the continuing education tracking system for the 2015-2016 and 2017-2018 practice bienniums. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Continuing Education Audits

The Board discussed the continuing education audits and determined to audit ten percent of licensees who did not report any continuing education hours to CE Broker.

D. Minimum Data Set – Update

Mr. Thornton updated the Board regarding the minimum data set questions that will become standard for all regulatory boards under the new eLicense system. The Board is scheduled to begin the process of converting over to the new licensing system in 2017.

E. Medicaid School Program Reimbursement Changes – Update

The Board discussed the new changes announced in February by the Ohio Department of Medicaid and Ohio Department of Education regarding reimbursement of services provided by related service providers in the school setting. Effective August 1, 2016, school districts will be required to obtain an order, referral, or prescription (ORP) from a physician in order to receive reimbursement for services provided by speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and other related service personnel. The Board is working with several organizations and interested parties to have school-based speech-language pathologists and audiologists recognized as ORP providers.

F. Margaret M. Roberts Leadership Award

The Board discussed the nominations received for the 2016 Margaret M. Roberts Leadership Award.

Motion #18

Dr. Mitchell moved that audiologist, Robert G. Glaser, Ph.D. receive the Margaret M. Roberts Leadership Award for 2015. Dr. Froehlich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Music Therapy Bill – HB 184

The Board considered a request by the legislative sponsor of HB 184 to serve as the licensure board for music therapists. After discussion, the Board determined that it would not be feasible to serve as the licensure board, noting there are still major concerns with the proposed bill.

H. Annual Review - Executive Director

Dr. Mitchell reported that the annual review for the Executive Director was forwarded to the Department of Administrative Service – Central Service Agency.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received an update from Dr. Spangler regarding correspondence she sent to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) regarding changes to the Infant Hearing and Screening Program. ODH recently announced that Part C services under the Regional Infant Hearing Program will be transitioned to the Department of Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Spangler co-authored a letter with other former chairpersons of the Infant Hearing and Screening Subcommittee sharing their expertise to ensure that this transition occurs without any adverse impact to children who are deaf/hard of hearing.

MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no member concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Dr. Karen K. Mitchell, Chairperson

Tammy H. Brown, Vice Chairperson

Date

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date