



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

**Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:33 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- East B, Columbus, OH 43215.

**Board Members – Roll Call:**

Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member and Chairperson

Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., Audiology Board Member 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

Angela N. King, Public Member

Helen L. Mayle, Public Member

**Also Present:**

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator

Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Excused Absence**

Carrie L. Spangler, Au.D., CCC-A, FAAA, Audiology Board Member

Linda L. Wellman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

**OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no members from the public or professional organizations.

**AGENDA**

The agenda for the June 3, 2015, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

**Motion #1**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the agenda as submitted. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 12, 2015 board meeting were reviewed.

**Motion #2**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2015 board meeting. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley thanked Mr. Thornton, Dr. Wellman, and Dr. Froehlich for their ethics presentation at the Cincinnati City School District in-service professional development for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. She noted that the Board continues to receive requests for presentations. Licensees are finding the ethics presentation very relevant to their practice setting and appreciate the Board's expertise. Ms. Thorpe Wiley also thanked Dr. Froehlich for her article on data collection, which appeared in the spring eNewsletter. She also thanked the board staff for their teamwork and efforts to keep the office running smoothly.

**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 FY2015;
- Number of license verification letters issued;
- Significant legislation;
- Status of the new eLicensing 2.0 system;
- State Auditor's bi-annual audit; and
- Spring eNewsletter

**LICENSURE APPROVAL – Dr. Karen Mitchell****A. License Review****Speech-Language Pathology****Motion #3**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on May 15, 2015. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**May 15, 2015**

SP-7856-	Cheryl Ann Steele	re-licensure
SP-11643-	Melissa Lyle	
SP-11651-	Iomi Bright Patten	
SP-11652-	Janna Marie Peacock	
SP-11653-	Melissa Ann Breisch	

SP-11654-	Lindsay Marie Babitt
SP-11655-	Lindsay Anne Casey
SP-11656-	Jessica Renee LaDow
SP-11657-	Katarzyna Lozanska
SP-11658-	Laura Kathleen Marie Rodgers
SP-11659-	Lauren Amanda Zimmerman
SP-11660-	Mikel McKenzie Williams
SP-11661-	Kaitlynn Rae Romanello
SP-11662-	Amy Nicole Scaglione

<b>Audiology</b>
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**Motion #4**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on May 4, 2015, May 5, 2015, May 11, 2015, May 15, 2015 and May 18, 2015. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**May 4, 2015**

A-01955-	Elizabeth Mary Shobel
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**May 5, 2015**

A-01956-	Chandra Danielle Grupenhof
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**May 11, 2015**

A-01957-	Ellen Ruth Hambley
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**May 15, 2015**

A-01958-	Jessica Forshey Nail
A-01959-	Allison Caitlin Armstrong
A-01960-	Trevor Lee Holbert
A-01961-	Samantha Marie Bunge
A-01962-	Joshua Blake Bowyer
A-01963-	Ashley Jean Elizabeth Groeber
A-01964-	Kendall Ellen Looney
A-01965-	Mandi Jo Grumm
A-01966-	Jennifer D. Davis

**May 18, 2015**

A-01967-	Christopher T. Whitten
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<b>Conditional Speech-Language Pathology</b>
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**Motion #5**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Conditional licenses granted by the Executive Director on May 7, 2015, May 11, 2105, May 15, 2015 and May 18, 2015. Dr. Froehlich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**May 7, 2015**

COND-2015192-SP            Megan Therese Keleshian

**May 11, 2015**

COND-2015193-SP            Jessica L Hart  
COND-2015194-SP            Kathryn Rose Dilger  
COND-2015195-SP            Emily Jane Richard  
COND-2015196-SP            Melissa Ann Pope  
COND-2015197-SP            Rachel Marie Bowersock

**May 15, 2015**

COND-2015198-SP            Abigail Leigh Brennan  
COND-2015199-SP            Melissa Caitlin Elchison  
COND-2015200-SP            Alissa Bunn  
COND-2015201-SP            Kelsey Leigh Roessner  
COND-2015202-SP            Rachel Stolyar  
COND-2015203-SP            Jaime Marie Lampone  
COND-2015204-SP            Katherine Lynn Kocar  
COND-2015205-SP            Whitney A Owens  
COND-2015206-SP            Sarah Elizabeth Hackett  
COND-2015207-SP            Taylor Ann Harder  
COND-2015208-SP            Jessica Ann Bosley  
COND-2015209-SP            Yena Park  
COND-2015210-SP            Jenna Elizabeth Thompson  
COND-2015211-SP            Courtney Elizabeth Combs  
COND-2015212-SP            Lindsey Jean Schaser  
COND-2015213-SP            Rachel Marie Greene  
COND-2015214-SP            Michelle Marie Burke  
COND-2015215-SP            Kara Lyn Greaves  
COND-2015216-SP            Julie Marie Rettig  
COND-2015217-SP            Leslie Ann Kluener  
COND-2015218-SP            Jaclyn Nicole Roell  
COND-2015219-SP            Terri Michelle Istre  
COND-2015220-SP            Melanie Elizabeth Raines

COND-2015221-SP	Esperanza P Gutierrez
COND-2015222-SP	Kathleen June Whitfield
COND-2015223-SP	Hilary Robin Parlette
COND-2015224-SP	Kayla Marie Cyr
COND-2015225-SP	Sarah Ashley Young
COND-2015226-SP	Devin Renee Stuber
COND-2015227-SP	Dana Florence Lauf
COND-2015228-SP	Nicole Lee Jenkins
COND-2015229-SP	Megan Marie Kremer
COND-2015230-SP	Danae Nicole Leaser
COND-2015231-SP	Taylor Finsel
COND-2015232-SP	Alyssa Mae Urbanowski
COND-2015233-SP	CeCelia Ann Schuh
COND-2015234-SP	Kaitlynn Nicole Sharp
COND-2015235-SP	Emily Catherine Heller
COND-2015236-SP	Jeannine E Abel
COND-2015237-SP	Jessica Marie Blakeman
COND-2015238-SP	Nicole Marie Brenza
COND-2015239-SP	Alyssa Jeannette Currey
COND-2015240-SP	Courtney Leigh Forsythe
COND-2015241-SP	Lauren Grebenc
COND-2015242-SP	Krista Janine Hibinger
COND-2015243-SP	Joseph John Holodnak
COND-2015244-SP	Abigail J Koch
COND-2015245-SP	Suzanne Michelle Lozano
COND-2015246-SP	Rebecca Leigh Serafini
COND-2015247-SP	Lauren Taylor Shivak
COND-2015248-SP	Kristin Nicole Siders
COND-2015249-SP	Teal Danielle Simmons
COND-2015250-SP	Mitchell Clifton Warmbein
COND-2015251-SP	Meredith Ashley Winfield
COND-2015252-SP	Kaylee Carmen Schuster
COND-2015253-SP	Kyle Robert Craft
COND-2015254-SP	Nicole Marie Farrow
COND-2015255-SP	Paige Renee Houghtaling
COND-2015256-SP	Kyle Brady Majewski
COND-2015257-SP	Julie Ann Skelton
COND-2015258-SP	Jennifer Zumwald
COND-2015259-SP	Ashlyn Santurri
COND-2015260-SP	Alyssa Marie Phillips
COND-2015261-SP	Sarah Elaine Jackson

COND-2015262-SP	Kalie Lynn Iliano
COND-2015263-SP	Brianna Ceara Laoidhea Hogan
COND-2015264-SP	Amy Franczak
COND-2015265-SP	Paul Michael Sabo
COND-2015266-SP	Joseph Adam Collier
COND-2015267-SP	Gail Ann Pierson
COND-2015268-SP	Amanda LeAnn Sheldon
COND-2015269-SP	Jessica Marie Kent
COND-2015270-SP	Amanda Lynn Smith
COND-2015271-SP	Kristine Leigh Lego
COND-2015272-SP	Andrea Marie Fritz
COND-2015273-SP	Rachel Mary Eckel
COND-2015274-SP	Brynn Ashton Flory
COND-2015275-SP	Kelly Lynn McNamee
COND-2015276-SP	Brianna Lynn Missler
COND-2015277-SP	Kelsey Lee Place
COND-2015278-SP	Brooke Jillian Roebken
COND-2015279-SP	Amanda Jane Schmidt
COND-2015280-SP	Kristen Anne Seambos
COND-2015281-SP	Julianne Nicole Rowles
COND-2015282-SP	Anna Elizabeth Lichtenstein
COND-2015283-SP	Gina Marie Everman
COND-2015284-SP	Kylie Francess Junga
COND-2015285-SP	Kara Nicole Bender
COND-2015286-SP	Shaina Elizabeth Meyer
COND-2015303-SP	Abigail Elizabeth DeLuca
COND-2015304-SP	Megie Kathleen Cane
COND-2015307-SP	Kristin Elizabeth Jurek

**May 18, 2015**

COND-2015287-SP	Caitlin Marlene Coholich
COND-2015288-SP	Natalie Ann Dalton
COND-2015289-SP	Ashley Nicole Elam
COND-2015290-SP	Megan Jean Evans
COND-2015291-SP	Lauren Elise Goossens
COND-2015292-SP	Alexa Kate Hamilton
COND-2015293-SP	Nicole Marie Hasselbeck
COND-2015294-SP	Heather Ann Hess
COND-2015295-SP	Jennifer Ellen Heitkemper
COND-2015296-SP	Kelsey Marie Mayrhofer
COND-2015297-SP	Cara Blair Werner

COND-2015298-SP	Caitlin Marie Honaker
COND-2015299-SP	Christian Elizabeth Huntley
COND-2015300-SP	Marika JoBeth Roll
COND-2015301-SP	Emily Claire Waler
COND-2015302-SP	Julie Ann Pinter
COND-2015305-SP	Brittany Leigh Albert
COND-2015306-SP	Jenaye Celeste Garver
COND-2015308-SP	Olivia Marie Murphy
COND-2015309-SP	Ashley Lynn Speelman
COND-2015310-SP	Cynthia Katherine Dines
COND-2015311-SP	Caitlin Fattore
COND-2015312-SP	Mary C Frank
COND-2015313-SP	Melissa Beth Marblestone
COND-2015314-SP	Johnathan Merwin

### **LICENSING SUMMARY**

Speech-Language Pathologist	6613
Audiologist	956
Inactives      AUD / SLP	38/219
Conditional SLP	421
SLP-Aide	10
AUD-Aide	61
Duals	36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8354</b>

### **A. Applications for Review**

#### **Audiology Aides**

##### **Motion #6**

Ms. Brown moved to approve the initial application for Audiology Aide, number 060315-YOU. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Speech-Language Pathology Aides**

None

#### **Licensure Applications**

##### **Motion #7**

Dr. Froehlich moved to approve the re-licensure application for Speech-Language Pathologist, number 060315-PAL. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<b>Special Applications</b>
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None

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

There was no Assistant Attorney General report.

**INVESTIGATIONS****A. Executive Session****Motion #7**

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. Mitchell 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. Spangler: absent; Dr. Wellman: absent; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 10:27 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 10:59 a.m.*

**B. Board Actions****GROUPED CASES**

These 3 cases are being grouped as:

- Late Renewal, Practice Under an Expired License, First Offense

The individual summary of each case is listed at the end of the Investigative Board Action section of this report.

**Previously Heard by the Board**

Cases 2015-55 and 2015-67, involve two speech-language pathologists who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline and under an expired license. For those who billed for services, billing has been adjusted. The number of days their license was expired ranged from 27 to 53 days. At the May 12, 2015 board meeting, the Board accepted the IRG's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

*Due to this being the first offense for both Respondents, and for violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4753.02, 4753.09, 4753.10(M), offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:*

- *Each Respondent will be suspended for the same number of days his or her license was expired, staying half, serving suspension on designated days off (weekends, holidays, etc.) commencing after the board approves their Consent Agreement;*
- *Each Respondent will complete 5 continuing education hours in the area of ethics and 5 hours in the area of documentation and record keeping;*
- *Proof of the 10 hours shall be reported to the Board within 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement. These 10 hours will not be applicable towards the 20 continuing education hours required for the 2015-2016 licensure biennium for renewal;*
- *Continuing education hours will be audited for the next two practice biennium cycles, i.e., 2015-2016 and 2017-2018;*
- *For case number 2015-67, the Respondent will complete an open book examination, provided by the Board, related to the licensure requirements for speech-language pathology and audiology under Ohio Revised and Administrative Code Chapter 4753.*

Both Respondents' agreed to the terms and signed the Consent Agreement. Accordingly, the IRG recommends the Board accept each Respondent's signed Consent Agreement and close the two cases.

### **Motion #8**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in cases 2015-55 and 2015-67. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Dr. Froehlich abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

### **2015-47**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline for twenty-two (22) days of the fifty-three (53) days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology December 1994. At the May 12, 2015 board meeting, the Board accepted the Investigative Review Group recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the same terms and conditions as mentioned in the aforementioned two cases. The offered Consent Agreement was not signed by the licensee, with a request that the Investigative Review Group consider additional circumstances. Based upon additional information the licensee submitted, the Investigative Review Group has taken the following into consideration:

1. She passed the continuing education portion of her 2014 CE Audit for Late Renewal. She completed 61 continuing education hours during the 2013-2014 licensure biennium, well over the required 20. More than half the hours were specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology, well over the 10 hour minimum requirement.
2. This was her first late renewal since initial licensure. She paid the late fee during a time of financial and personal/family hardship.
3. Circumstances that contributed to her not renewing by the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline, pre-occupying her mind:
  - a. While working fulltime, she took on a case load for a fellow speech-language pathologist that left employment and during the time she was required to care for multiple family members for a period of time.
4. She has agreed to serve suspension and be audited in the future for her continuing education hours.

Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends the following:

Due to this being her first offence, and for violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4753.02, 4753.09, 4753.10(M), amend her offered Consent Agreement deleting the requirement to complete the 10 additional continuing education hours due 60 days from Consent Agreement effective date. These terms will remain with the following revisions:

- She will be suspended for the same number of days her license was expired, staying half, serving suspension on designated days off (weekends, holidays, etc.) commencing after the board approves their Consent Agreement;
- Continuing education hours will be audited for the next two practice biennium cycles, i.e., 2015-2016 and 2017-2018;
- She must complete 20 hours of continuing education required for the 2015-2016 biennium as follows: two continuing education hours in the area of ethics, a minimum of ten hours specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology and two hours from two of the following four course categories, totaling four hours, via on-line, seminar, conferences, etc.:
  - Documentation/Record keeping;
  - Stress management;
  - Case load control; and
  - Self advocacy
- The four categorized hours must be pre-approved by the Board's Investigative Review Group and completed within one year from the date the amended Consent Agreement is approved by the Board.

### **Motion #9**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in cases 2015-47. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. Dr. Froehlich abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

### **Individual cases summaries for the first 2 cases**

#### **2015-55**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline for twenty-four (24) days of the fifty-three (53) days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure June 1998.

#### **2015-67**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late for her very *first renewal* and practiced after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline for seventeen days, part-time, of the twenty-seven (27) days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure December 2012.

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

<b>OPENED</b>	Cases since the last Board Meeting 5/12/2015	2
<b>CLOSED</b>	Cases since the last board meeting 5/12/2015	2
<b>TOTAL Open Cases</b>	After closing any cases today (includes referrals)	18

<b>Consumer Complaints</b>	Of total open cases	11
<b>Referrals</b>	Of total open cases	7

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

Billing Fraud	0
Continuing Education Violation	2
Conviction Application Review	0
Conviction	0
False or Misleading Advertisement	4
Falsified/Misleading Application	0
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	1
Misrepresentation of Credentials	1
Other	1
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	1
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	1
Unlicensed Practice	1
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	6

### **2014 Continuing Education (CE) Audit**

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

	Audited	Pending Review	Reviewed-Pending Additional Info.	CE Not Reported	Passed	Failed
AUD- Includes: Random 10%, Part of 84 Late Renewals 1/1/15 through 2/6/15 and Part of 87 Prior Board Actions	48	5	13	4	25	1
SLP- Includes: Random 10%, Part of 84 Late Renewals 1/1/15 through 2/6/15 and Part of 87 Prior Board Actions	482	154	38	23	254	13
Late Renewals after 2/6/15 through to date	18	2	0	1 (First Renewal) 2	15	0
Board Members AUD	3	2	0	0	1	0
Board Members SLP	3	2	0	0	1	0
	<b>554</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>14</b>

To date, of the 554 audited, 296 have been reviewed to completeness (53% complete). Once additional information is obtained, 62% will have been reviewed to completeness.

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

- 1 resulted in a Warning Letter for 14 Days or Less of Practice under an Expired License

*The Board took a break at 11:10 a.m. and returned to public session at 11:16 a.m.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### A. Rules Committee

Ms. Brown reported that the Rules Committee will be meeting immediately following the board meeting.

### B. Professional Competency Committee

Mr. Thornton presented Dr. Wellman's report noting that the Professional Competency Committee will be meeting immediately following the board meeting. The Board reviewed a summary Dr. Wellman prepared of issues related to school-based speech-language pathologists.

### C. Policy and Procedure Committee

Ms. Thorpe Wiley reported that the Policy and Procedure Committee continues to review and update board polices.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### A. HB184-Music Therapy Bill

The Board reviewed the proposed music therapy bill and had further discussion. The Board discussed concerns with certain provisions of HB184. The Board plans on sharing its concerns with interested parties in the future.

### B. Service Delivery Operating Standards – Workload Process

The Board drafted a letter that will be sent to Dr. Sue Zake, Director of the Office for Exceptional Children, with the Ohio Department of Education. The Board will ask Dr. Zake for a time line on the development of FAQs that will help service providers, special education coordinators, and principals implement a workload process to determine an appropriate caseload.

### C. Infant Hearing Screening Subcommittee

The Board reviewed information about the Infant Hearing Screening Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Health.

### D. NCSB Conference

The Board discussed the annual conference sponsored by the National Council of State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB). The Board noted that the pre-conference training is especially beneficial for new board members.

## **Motion #10**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to send up to eight individuals, including the Assistant Attorney General, to the NCSB annual conference from October 8-10, 2015, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Board Resolution – Loretta Embry**

The Board reviewed a resolution acknowledging former board member, Loretta Embry’s service with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. The Board recently learned that Ms. Embry plans to retire from the district as a speech-language pathologist after twenty nine years with the district.

**Motion #11**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved that the Board issue a resolution recognizing Ms. Embry’s service with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**MEMBER CONCERNS**

There were no member concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 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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Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

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