



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

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, June 14, 2016

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:45 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
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
Linda L. Wellman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

Excused Absence:

Lisa A. Froehlich, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Angela N. King, 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 June 14, 2016, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 11, 2016 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion #2

Dr. Prakup noted a grammatical correction on line 439. Dr. Spangler moved to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2016 board meeting as corrected. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Dr. Karen Mitchell thanked everyone on the Board for their service and dedication. She also thanked the staff for their support and teamwork during the busy summer licensure application period.

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;
- School Medicaid reimbursement changes;
- Shortage of related service personnel workgroup;
- Summer Newsletter;
- Ethics presentations

PROPOSED DISCIPLINARY ACTION HEARINGS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 119 - STACIE ARNFELD, CASE NO. 2016-33

At approximately 10:07 a.m., the Board conducted an administrative disciplinary hearing, pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the matter of Stacie Arnfield, SP.7459. The Board was represented by Senior Assistant Attorney General, Cheryl R. Hawkinson. Ms. Arnfield requested a hearing and appeared via telephone conference call. Dr. Mitchell presided over the disciplinary hearing. The hearing concluded at approximately 11:06 a.m.

QUASI-JUDICIAL DELIBERATION, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 119 - STACIE ARNFELD, CASE NO. 2016-33

At approximately 11:06 a.m., the Board recessed for the purpose of having a quasi-judicial deliberation, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119, the matter of Stacie Arnfield, SP. 7459. The Board invited Mr. Thornton to remain in attendance. Dr. Froehlich, the Investigative Review Group's Chairperson, was not in attendance for the board meeting or hearing. Ms. Stansberry and Assistant Attorney General Hawkinson were recused and did not participate in the deliberations or any vote on this matter.

The Board returned to public session at approximately 11:37 a.m.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION – ADJUDICATION ORDER AND VOTE ON DISCIPLINARY ACTION - STACIE ARNFIELD, CASE NO. 2016-33

The Board made the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in the matter of Stacie Arnfield, SP.7459:

Findings of Fact:

1. Ms. Arnfield is licensed as a speech-language pathologist in the State of Ohio, license number SP.7459.
2. Ms. Arnfield renewed her license on or about December 30, 2014, and was selected for a continuing education audit.
3. Ms. Arnfield was required to submit proof of completing twenty hours of continuing education during the 2013-2014 licensure biennium.
4. Ms. Arnfield failed to submit proof that she completed the required twenty hours of continuing education.
5. Ms. Arnfield attested “yes” on her 2015-2016 renewal application that she would complete twenty hours of continuing education by the December 31, 2014 deadline.
6. This is Ms. Arnfield’s first continuing education audit failure.
7. 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. Arnfield for failure to comply with the continuing education requirements for the 2013-2014 licensure biennium. Delivery of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing letter was confirmed by the United States Postal Service tracking on November 2, 2015.
8. On or about November 25, 2015, Ms. Arnfield requested a hearing in this matter.
9. The Board issued a scheduling letter dated December 1, 2015, to Ms. Arnfield, initially setting the hearing date. 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. The receipt of the scheduling letter by signature on the RRR card was dated December 4, 2015.
10. The Board issued a Scheduling letter dated December 17, 2015, to Ms. Arnfield, 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, 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215-6108. The receipt of the scheduling letter by signature on the RRR card was dated December 21, 2015.
11. On January 25, 2016, the Board granted Ms. Arnfield’s request for a continuance and issued a scheduling letter advising that her hearing was rescheduled for May 10, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 31st Floor in the West B & C Room, Columbus, OH 43215. The receipt of the scheduling letter by signature on the RRR card was dated January 27, 2016.
12. On May 10, 2016, the Board granted Ms. Arnfield’s second request for a continuance and issued a scheduling letter advising that her hearing was rescheduled for June 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 31st Floor in the West B & C Room, Columbus, OH 43215. Ms. Arnfield acknowledged receipt of the scheduling letter by signature on the RRR card dated May 13, 2016.
13. State’s Exhibits #1-10 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. Arnfield 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. Arnfield 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. Arnfield 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. The Board hereby issues Ms. Arnfield a public **REPRIMAND**.

d. Ms. Arnfield's continuing education hours will be audited for the next two licensure bienniums.

e. Ms. Arnfield shall submit proof of completion of her twenty continuing education hours by December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2018, before her license will be renewed for the 2017-2018 and 2019-2020 licensure bienniums respectively.

f. Ms. Arnfield shall complete an additional five hours of continuing education related to record keeping, communications, and professionalism within sixty days of the date of this Adjudication Order. These five hours and the three hours she submitted for this hearing cannot be applied towards the twenty continuing education hours, required for the current 2015-2016 licensure biennium, to renew her license by December 31, 2016.

g. Ms. Arnfield shall notify the Board within thirty calendar days of the start date of any employment as a speech-language pathologist or any employment which requires licensure as a speech-language pathologist.

Motion #3

Ms. Brown moved to accept the Board's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order of disciplinary action in the matter of Stacie Arnfield, Case No. 2016-33. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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 May 3, 2016, May 16, 2016, and June 1, 2016. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

May 3, 2016

SP-12090- Halley Lorelle Lavender

May 16, 2016

SP-8390	Ann Margaret Bain	re-licensure
SP-12091-	Alexandra Catherine Garris	
SP-12092-	Jenna Antonette Campalong	
SP-12093-	Kelli McDonald Henseler	

SP-12094- Maureen Ann Sullivan
SP-12095- Sarah Ann Cashdollar
SP-12096- Alexandra Elizabeth Chappell
SP-12097- Kristen Leona Grevey
SP-12098- Heather Ann Hess
SP-12099- Catherine Kelley Henchy
SP-12100- Rachel Danielle Lee
SP-12101- Sarah Ashley Young
SP-12102- Devin Renee Stuber
SP-12103- Carmella Marie Tisci
SP-12104- Katherine Amanda McIntire
SP-12105- Chelsey Nicole Schott
SP-12106- Kelsey Lee Place

June 1, 2016

SP-12107- Meredith Anne Snow
SP-12108- Chelsea Miriam Yost
SP-12109- Michelle Lynn Nickels
SP-12110- MacKenzie Renee Snyder
SP-12111- Michelle Westerheide
SP-12112- Amanda Lynn Smith
SP-12113- Allison Leigh Matchinga
SP-12114- Kayla Marie Wilson
SP-12115- Rosa Lea Massaro
SP-12116- Katheryn Jean Purkiser
SP-12117- Kyle Brady Majewski
SP-12118- Ashley Melisa Barrientos Mauter
SP-12119- Katherine Elizabeth Rhodus
SP-12120- Jaclyn Nicole Roell
SP-12121- Brock J Rubesa
SP-12122- Stephanie Ann Goetz
SP-12123- Lauren Elizabeth Bailey
SP-12124- Anna Elizabeth Lichtenstein
SP-12125- Leslie Ann Kluener
SP-12126- Nicole Marie Farrow
SP-12127- Logan M Bauer
SP-12128- Katherine Gicei
SP-12129- Julie Madsen Gilmer
SP-12130- Alyssa Jeannette Currey
SP-12131- Melissa Michele Jaco
SP-12132- Amy Allison Drown

SP-12133-	Courtney Leigh Forsythe
SP-12134-	Jodi Anne Budde
SP-12135-	Emily Charles
SP-12136-	Alissa Gormley
SP-12137-	Taylor Ann Harder
SP-12138-	Sydney Brooke Baker
SP-12139-	Michelle Marie Burke
SP-12140-	Andrea Beth Guider
SP-12141-	Caitlin Brittany Gavin
SP-12142-	Anne Julia Stocker
SP-12143-	Batsheva Mann
SP-12144-	Lindsey Nicole Malott
SP-12145-	Kara Lynn Arnold
SP-12146-	Amanda Marie White
SP-12147-	Katelyn Semmel Hammers
SP-12148-	Cynthia Katherine Rogers

Audiology

Motion #5

Ms. Brown moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on May 9, 2016, May 16, 2016, May 19, 2016 and June 1, 2016. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

May 9, 2016

A-02018-	Kylie Marie Young
A-02019-	Anne Catherine Antalovich
A-02020-	Kelsey Lee Krueger

May 16, 2016

A-01333-	Jason T. Sanchez	re-licensure
A-01444-	Julie Honaker	re-licensure

May 19, 2016

A-02021-	Karen Elizabeth Schuster
A-02022-	Lianna Jay Snyder

June 1, 2016

A-02023-	Lauren Virginia Ross
A-02024-	Rebecca Mary Lewis

A-02025-

Sarah Christine Dohse

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 May 9, 2016, May 16, 2016 and June 1, 2016. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

May 9, 2016

COND-2016209-SP	Heather Webster
COND-2016210-SP	Aubrey Rachel Rybarczyk
COND-2016211-SP	Lindsey Marie Lykins
COND-2016212-SP	Breann Rochelle Voytko
COND-2016213-SP	Meagan Elizabeth Horn
COND-2016214-SP	Deena Schwen Blackett
COND-2016215-SP	Kimberly Lauren Juhnke
COND-2016216-SP	Bethany Lynn Hoehner
COND-2016217-SP	Andrea Elizabeth Siefker
COND-2016218-SP	Rachel Elizabeth Neltner
COND-2016219-SP	Susan Christine Yocum
COND-2016220-SP	Stephanie LeeAnne Barkey
COND-2016221-SP	Amanda Michelle Fry
COND-2016222-SP	Jill Marie Rieman
COND-2016223-SP	Taylor Marie Darr
COND-2016224-SP	Maria Catherine Dahlinghaus
COND-2016225-SP	Elli Nicole Combs
COND-2016226-SP	Susan Elizabeth Rader
COND-2016227-SP	Megan Elizabeth Joy
COND-2016228-SP	Kathryn Laurie Miller
COND-2016229-SP	Chelsea Kay Tomson
COND-2016230-SP	Meredith M Loy
COND-2016231-SP	Monica Alma Corbett
COND-2016232-SP	Jessica Marie Gottschick

May 16, 2016

COND-2016233-SP	Melissa Mae Sustar
COND-2016234-SP	Elise Marie Murphy
COND-2016235-SP	Heather Elizabeth Tackett
COND-2016236-SP	Madison Kristine Grant
COND-2016237-SP	Michelle Fannie Khantsis

COND-2016238-SP	Shelby Lin DeShetler
COND-2016239-SP	Nicole Renée Wulk
COND-2016240-SP	Ashley Nichol Leber
COND-2016241-SP	Haley Briane Wickenheiser
COND-2016242-SP	Jennifer Marie Wittibschlager
COND-2016243-SP	Jennifer Ann Lucius
COND-2016244-SP	Claire Marie Barbao
COND-2016245-SP	Hillary Jennifer Harbaugh
COND-2016246-SP	Stephanie Ann Latosky
COND-2016247-SP	Kori Leigh Hoffman
COND-2016248-SP	Chelsea Ann Pudvan
COND-2016249-SP	Kelley Elizabeth Moote
COND-2016250-SP	Taylor Morgan Hilt
COND-2016251-SP	Kristy Marie Lantz
COND-2016252-SP	Marshay Lynne Maston
COND-2016253-SP	Helga Dimitrov
COND-2016254-SP	Kelly Maureen Dugan
COND-2016255-SP	Morgan Rachel Edelman
COND-2016256-SP	Emily Elizabeth Stewart
COND-2016257-SP	Anna Christine Schlarb
COND-2016258-SP	Nicole Marie Parent
COND-2016259-SP	Emma Rose Marie McFarland
COND-2016260-SP	Isaac Christopher Sernoffsky
COND-2016261-SP	Megan Rae Smith
COND-2016262-SP	Molly Catherine Warmbein
COND-2016263-SP	Lauren Thigpen
COND-2016264-SP	Molly Sloane Weiss
COND-2016265-SP	Kara Elaine McCauley
COND-2016266-SP	Samantha Mae Obermeyer
COND-2016267-SP	Natalie Rebecca Howard
COND-2016268-SP	Angela Marie Musille
COND-2016269-SP	Courtney Ellen Wilke
COND-2016270-SP	Maggie Deitrick
COND-2016271-SP	Leah Marie Mong
COND-2016272-SP	Lauren Kristine Hernandez
COND-2016273-SP	Tiffany Jo Zwick
COND-2016274-SP	Jamie Nicole Weisbarth
COND-2016275-SP	Kelly Ann Schardt
COND-2016276-SP	Jennifer Leigh Berger

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COND-2016277-SP	Kelly Elizabeth Conway
COND-2016278-SP	Hannah Kathleen Wagner
COND-2016279-SP	Grace Marie Pozniak
COND-2016280-SP	Mattie Olivia Hulett
COND-2016281-SP	Hillary Nicole Collins
COND-2016282-SP	Kylie Michele McIntyre
COND-2016283-SP	Marcus Samblanet
COND-2016284-SP	Mallory Taylor Logan
COND-2016285-SP	Ashley Marie Barre
COND-2016286-SP	Kristin Amy McGinley
COND-2016287-SP	Jill Phyllis Borland
COND-2016288-SP	Mackenzie Rae Graham
COND-2016289-SP	Chelsea Lea Sommer
COND-2016290-SP	Bridget Marion Gouker
COND-2016291-SP	Rena Marie Hinebaugh
COND-2016292-SP	Rose S. Sharpe
COND-2016293-SP	Vanessa Rochelle Oster
COND-2016294-SP	Rachel Louise Bell
COND-2016295-SP	Veronica Rose Smitley
COND-2016296-SP	Mary Katherine Murphy
COND-2016297-SP	Kayla Marie Bookstaff
COND-2016298-SP	Julia Ann Scrofano
COND-2016299-SP	Katherine Lynn Reimer
COND-2016300-SP	Mihaela Radovic
COND-2016301-SP	Tia Elizabeth Vinci
COND-2016302-SP	Melissa Deck
COND-2016303-SP	Hanna Jo Peeples
COND-2016304-SP	Hannah Joy Mowry
COND-2016305-SP	Jena Rae Parker
COND-2016306-SP	Corinne Elizabeth Manley
COND-2016307-SP	Leslie Dale Bullock
COND-2016308-SP	Kayla Anne Crown
COND-2016309-SP	Kristen Ann Shepherd
COND-2016310-SP	Abigail Lynn Robinson
COND-2016311-SP	Jennifer Jean Porachan
COND-2016312-SP	Jessica Lynne Joyce
COND-2016313-SP	Audrey Lilian Harrington
COND-2016314-SP	Anthony Michael Munafo
COND-2016315-SP	Joel Dan Fairchild
COND-2016316-SP	Hannah Marie Gaffney

LICENSING SUMMARY

Speech-Language Pathologist	7117
Audiologist	1013
Inactives AUD / SLP	37/214
Conditional SLP	386
SLP-Aide	8
AUD-Aide	73
Duals	37
TOTAL	8885

A. Applications for Review

Audiology Aides

None

Speech-Language Pathology Aides
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None

Licensure Applications

1. Application for Reinstatement - Linda Miller – Update

Mr. Thornton updated the Board regarding the status of Ms. Miller's application for reinstatement. At the May meeting, the Board voted to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (NOH) letter proposing to deny the application for reinstatement. The Board mailed the NOH letter to Ms. Miller. She has until June 23, 2016 to request a hearing.

2. Application for Reinstatement – Robert Williams – Update

Mr. Thornton updated the Board regarding the status of Dr. Robert Williams' application for reinstatement. At the May meeting, the Board tabled Dr. Williams' application and requested that he submit fourteen continuing education hours by the June meeting. Mr. Thornton reported that Dr. Williams was notified of the Board's request via e-mail and regular mail; however, as of June 13, 2016, there has been no response to the Board's request.

Motion #7

Dr. Mitchell moved to issue Dr. Robert Williams a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing letter proposing to deny his application for reinstatement. Dr. Prakup seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Fifth Conditional Speech-Language Pathology Application – 061416-MOR

Dr. Wellman reported that the Board received a fifth conditional speech-language pathology application from an individual who has not made any progress toward completion of their supervised professional experience and has not specified a date in which the professional experience will be completed. The applicant has not obtained any employment or a supervisor since receiving her initial conditional speech-language pathology license on February 10, 2010.

Motion #8

Dr. Wellman moved to deny the conditional speech-language pathology licensure application for number 061416-MOR. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Applications

ETHICS TRAINING

Pursuant to Governor Kasich's Executive Order 2011-03K the board members and staff held an ethics training session, facilitated by Mr. Thornton and Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Hawkinson.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

There were no legal updates by the Assistant Attorney General.

INVESTIGATIONS

A. Board Actions

There were no cases presented for Board vote.

B. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry

OPENED	Cases since the last Board Meeting 5/11/2016	1
CLOSED	Cases since the last board meeting 5/11/2016	8
TOTAL Open Cases	After closing any cases today (includes referrals)	16
Consumer Complaints	Of total open cases	11
Referrals	Of total open cases	5

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

Application Requirement Not Met	0
Billing Fraud	5
Continuing Education Violation	1
Conviction Application Review	0
Conviction	1
False or Misleading Advertisement	0
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	7

Other Enforcement Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1 Referral to another licensure board
- 1 Warning letter
- 2 Consent Agreements
- 1 Adjudication Order

BOARD BUSINESS

A. H.R. 3471

The Board discussed H.R. 3471, which is a proposed amendment to the federal 'Fit to Serve' Bill, administered under the Veterans Administration. The amendment would allow the Veterans Administration to hire hearing aid specialists for the purpose of fitting and dispensing hearing aids under a treatment plan developed by an audiologist. It was noted that the amendment includes the term "non-medical," rather than "audiological," when addressing treatment plans developed by audiologists. The Board will monitor this issue.

B. Music Therapy Bill – HB 184

The Board received an update regarding the status of HB184, which proposes licensure of music therapy in Ohio. The Board will continue to serve on a workgroup of interested parties regarding this issue.

C. Purchase Order Requests

The Board reviewed the following purchase orders:

Motion #9

Ms. Brown moved to approve the purchase order for Turning Technologies in the amount of \$4,000. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #10

Ms. Mayle moved to approve the purchase order for Brown Enterprise in the amount of \$745.86. Dr. Prakup seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Board Member Reappointments

The Board reviewed the list of members whose appointments are scheduled to expire in September 2016. Dr. Mitchell will be completing her second term and not eligible for reappointment. The following board members whose terms are scheduled to end this year plan to seek reappointment: Angie King, Helen Mayle, Carrie Spangler, and Linda Wellman.

E. Annual Review – Executive Director

The Board reviewed guidance from the Ohio Department of Administrative Service regarding the pay scales for exempt state employees and the opportunity for an increase of the Executive Director's salary up to 2.5%. The Board noted that the increase would be in accordance with state guidelines for exempt state employees and supported on the basis of the Board's budget and the Executive Director's annual review.

Motion #11

Dr. Mitchell moved that the Executive Director receive a 2.5% salary increase effective July 1, 2016. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed regular correspondence that was issued since the last board meeting.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Dr. Spangler expressed concern regarding, "LEAD-K" a national level campaign promoting legislation at the state level that would require all deaf children to learn sign language. Dr. Spangler indicated that this should not be mandated, but an option. Ms. King also submitted similar concerns and noted that by requiring all deaf children to learn sign language, it takes away parental choice. Ms. King noted that as the parent of two children who have hearing loss, parental choice is paramount to ensuring that parents can decide what is most appropriate. The Board directed the Executive Director to communicate these concerns with the Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Dr. Karen K. Mitchell, Chairperson

Tammy H. Brown, Vice Chairperson

Date

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date