



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

**Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, August 5, 2015**

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- 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

Carrie L. Spangler, Au.D., CCC-A, 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

Angela N. King, Public Member

**Also Present:**

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator

Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Excused Absence**

Helen L. Mayle, Public Member

**OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**AGENDA**

The agenda for the August 5, 2015, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

**Motion #1**

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 3, 2015 board meeting were reviewed.

### **Motion #2**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2015 board meeting. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley thanked Ms. Mayle and Mr. Thornton for meeting with the Special Education Director of the Pickerington Local School District in July to discuss their implementation of the workload process which is used to determine appropriate caseloads for their speech-language pathologists. She also thanked Ms. Brown, Ms. Mayle, and Mr. Thornton for providing an ethics presentation to audiologists and speech-language pathologists at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in July. Ms. Thorpe Wiley acknowledged a thank you note received from Barb Conrad, MA, CCC-SLP, Regional Supervisor of Speech-Language Therapy Services, for the ESC of Lorain County, expressing appreciation of the Board's ethics presentation at an in-service professional development in May. She thanked the board staff for processing a heavy volume of licensure applications during the summer.

### **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;
- Final revenue and expenditures for FY2015;
- Year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2016;
- Number of license verification letters issued for FY2015 and FY2016;
- Significant legislation;
- Status of the new eLicensing 3.0 system;
- State Auditor's bi-annual audit; and
- Summer eNewsletter

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

#### **A. License Review**

<b>Speech-Language Pathology</b>
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### **Motion #3**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on June 1, 2015, June 15, 2015, July 1, 2015, July 15, 2015, July 17, 2015, July 21, 2015, and July 30, 2015. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**June 1, 2015**

SP-1890-	Paulette Marlene Palombo	re-licensure
SP-5376-	Julia Johnoff	re-licensure
SP-8828-	Molly Z Nishimura	re-licensure
SP-11663-	Katherine Ann Smith	
SP-11664-	Rozlie Rae Townsend	
SP-11665-	Emily Anne Schwieterman	
SP-11666-	Allison Nicole Swain	
SP-11667-	Andrea Patterson Wrenn	
SP-11668-	Adrienne Nicole Mann	
SP-11669-	Lauren Rae Polster	
SP-11670-	Kacy Overman	
SP-11671-	Luke Anthony Nye	
SP-11672-	Adrianna Noel Spiteri	
SP-11673-	Samantha Rose Steiner	
SP-11674-	Erin Kay Stevning	
SP-11675-	Amy Elizabeth Engelhoven	
SP-11676-	Brittany Megan Schafer	
SP-11677-	Jomila Lerato Cooks	
SP-11678-	Arlyn Rachel Zeller	
SP-11679-	Melissa Ann Ours	
SP-11680-	Jennifer Ann Blank	
SP-11681-	Amanda Marie Lanham	
SP-11682-	Lindsey Anne Bucher	
SP-11683-	Vanessa Michelle Averbek	
SP-11684-	Jacquelyn Marie Feret	
SP-11685-	Laura Patrice Brothers	
SP-11686-	Samantha Lee Billingham	
SP-11687-	Cherri Lynn Ackerman	
SP-11688-	Nikki Elizabeth Bryant	

**June 15, 2015**

SP-10629-	Jamie Lynn Archer	re-licensure
SP-11689-	Jennifer Lynn Carlton	
SP-11690-	Kelsey Marie Green	
SP-11691-	Gayle Marie Irwin	
SP-11692-	Mary Clare Becker	
SP-11693-	Jenali Monica Bricher	
SP-11694-	Darci Marie Brasher	
SP-11695-	Kellie Ann Edelen	
SP-11696-	Erin Marie Krenk	

SP-11697-	Morgan Marie Brown
SP-11698-	Ellyse Leser Bowen
SP-11699-	Alaina Ruth Lindamood
SP-11700-	Erika Ann Carter
SP-11701-	Laura Jean Becker
SP-11702-	Kimberly Jane Kerstetter
SP-11703-	Jennie Marie Hartman
SP-11704-	Laura Marie Horton
SP-11705-	Lindsey Dino
SP-11706-	Danielle Marie Bronkema
SP-11707-	Alyssa Michelle Bifulco
SP-11708-	Kelly Danae Bishop
SP-11709-	Michelle Clouse
SP-11710-	Melissa Marie Luthman
SP-11711-	Anastasia M Boss
SP-11712-	Michelle Ann Spillman
SP-11713-	Sara Lynne Weber
SP-11714-	Avanti Lal Bhatia
SP-11715-	Lindsay Knight
SP-11716-	Ryan Andrew Millager
SP-11717-	Christy Leanne Lamb
SP-11718-	Anjali Cecelia Kotagal
SP-11719-	Chelsi Renee Clark
SP-11720-	Ashley Nicole Case
SP-11721-	Colleen Patricia FitzGerald
SP-11722-	Anna Marie Ehrhorn
SP-11723-	Leighanne Petrencsik Paige
SP-11724-	Ashley Danielle Anderson
SP-11725-	Abby Lee Ray
SP-11726-	Lindsay Rae Ring
SP-11727-	Angela Marie Rehfuss
SP-11728-	Nikki Alisha Roman
SP-11729-	Kristin Diane Vilagi
SP-11730-	Lauren Marie Rossi
SP-11731-	Ellie Andrus Miller
SP-11732-	Elizabeth Tippet
SP-11733-	Katherine Anne Rowe
SP-11734-	Leslie Morgan Starr
SP-11735-	Lauren Renee Manuella
SP-11736-	Kelly Lynne Metcalf
SP-11737-	Jessica Elizabeth Wirtley

SP-11738-	Rebecca Leann Porter
SP-11739-	Kaitlin Christine Rader
SP-11740-	Jessica Lynn Trask-Smith
SP-11741-	Jacqueline Murphy Weber
SP-11742-	Rebecca Lynn Warhola
SP-11743-	Michelle Lynn Otten
SP-11744-	Leslie McCord
SP-11745-	Jaclyn Ruth Simon
SP-11746-	Emily Kathleen Rathge
SP-11747-	Nicole Ann Pajestka
SP-11748-	Megan Christine Wiemken
SP-11749-	Leah Elizabeth Matuszewski
SP-11750-	Heather Michelle Watson
SP-11751-	Antoinette Monique Perkins
SP-11752-	Chelsea Mary Miller
SP-11753-	Colleen Elizabeth Vetter
SP-11754-	Hali K. Zorb
SP-11755-	Julianne Mier
SP-11756-	Lydia Faith Wheatley
SP-11757-	Julie Anne Sandish
SP-11758-	Kevin M. Welsh
SP-11759-	David Woodson Rule
SP-11760-	Lauren M Kane
SP-11761-	William DeWitt Parry
SP-11762-	Bryan Anthony Williams
SP-11763-	Yelena Yermakova
SP-11764-	Christen L Regueiro
SP-11765-	Kate Emily Montgomery
SP-11766-	Amanda Leigh Wallace

**July 1, 2015**

SP-5920-	Tammy Lynn Geer	re-licensure
SP-11767-	Adam Neal Barnes	
SP-11768-	Heather Marie Kennehan	
SP-11769-	Danielle Elizabeth Lucas	
SP-11770-	Kaitlin Ashley Jensen	
SP-11771-	Lynn Kneile	
SP-11772-	Kaitlin Marie Kiczek	
SP-11773-	Caitlin Ann Leahy	
SP-11774-	Sarah Patricia Hawkins	
SP-11775-	Michael Joseph Hodge	

SP-11776-	Alaina Danielle Galperin
SP-11777-	Angela Renee Berga
SP-11778-	Stacy Elizabeth Donaldson
SP-11779-	Marissa Rose DiBenedetto
SP-11780-	Emma Victoria Coulter
SP-11781-	Chrystin Lenore Ritter
SP-11782-	Daniel James Toft
SP-11783-	Emily Lynne Vance
SP-11784-	Emma Neale Iddings
SP-11785-	Rachel Elizabeth Steiner
SP-11786-	Abigail Nicole Vielhaber
SP-11787-	Anna Marie Maccombs
SP-11788-	Meghan Rose McNamara
SP-11789-	Erin Michelle Nealon
SP-11790-	Kaitlyn Marie Schaefer
SP-11791-	Alexandria Christine Roscoe
SP-11792-	Marina Lynn Poggiali
SP-11793-	Carlye L Slaughter
SP-11794-	Kari Ann Parks
SP-11795-	Tricia Marie Blackburn
SP-11796-	Stephanie Michaelen Udovich
SP-11797-	Kelly Aline McKerrihan
SP-11798-	Brooke Amelia Woodward
SP-11799-	Brooke Elizabeth Spera
SP-11800-	Hope Anne Merker
SP-11801-	Lauren Whitney Williams
SP-11802-	Michele Lynn Pacansky
SP-11803-	Rachel Marie Whitney
SP-11804-	Denise Heather Glitt
SP-11805-	Rebecca Ann Cunningham
SP-11806-	Lauren Elizabeth Holecko
SP-11807-	Lauren Elizabeth Hagenbuch
SP-11808-	LeAnne Nicole Dosch
SP-11809-	Samantha Fitzenrider
SP-11810-	Kristen Lyn Kodish
SP-11811-	Marinda Kathleen Fries
SP-11812-	Maral Nuvere Demirjian
SP-11813-	Bridget Joanne Brown
SP-11814-	Lori Frances Lundeen-Smith
SP-11815-	Mary Elizabeth Dunn
SP-11816-	Carolyn Marie Bauer

SP-11817-	Ruth Lee
SP-11818-	Laneé A. Benson
SP-11819-	Karolyn Elysha Hogg
SP-11820-	Erin Marie Lammers
SP-11821-	Natalie Cathleen Wunder
SP-11822-	Rachel Nicole Wright
SP-11823-	Amber Desiree Franklin
SP-11824-	Gabrielle Judith Miller
SP-11825-	Emily Elizabeth DeAngelis
SP-11826-	Melissa Sue Pore
SP-11827-	Emily Therese Kunkel
SP-11828-	Nancy Beth Bruno
SP-11829-	Wendi Michelle Jorgensen
SP-11830-	Brittany Ann Lehane
SP-11831-	Elaine Cosby
SP-11832-	Jessica Faith Timpe
SP-11833-	Abigail Marie Mooney

**July 15, 2015**

SP-11834-	Laura Ann Eberhardt
SP-11835-	Brooke Lauren Davenport
SP-11836-	Valerie Nazareth Grafe
SP-11837-	Morgan T. Hicks
SP-11838-	Kelly Grace Klika
SP-11839-	Erin Nicole Jackson
SP-11840-	Stephanie Marie Davis
SP-11841-	Samantha Michelle Fixler
SP-11842-	Rebecca Rachel Silverman
SP-11843-	Erin Rene' Loxley
SP-11844-	Cory J. Rubeck
SP-11845-	Lisa M. Haynes
SP-11846-	Emma Katherine Bailey
SP-11847-	Ashley Marzzacco Hackett
SP-11848-	Ann Catherine Aycock
SP-11849-	Lauren Elizabeth Cook
SP-11850-	Jacqueline Michelle Gellick
SP-11851-	Kelly Luise McCormick
SP-11852-	Kimberly Chisomo Selemani
SP-11853-	Dyana Lynn Rossi
SP-11854-	Marcella Robin Rudick
SP-11855-	Jonathan Plessner

SP-11856-	Natalie Bethel Page
SP-11857-	Lauren Elizabeth McDonough
SP-11858-	Maureen Theresa Oleniczak
SP-11859-	Madelyn Pearl Barnes

**July 17, 2015**

SP-11860-	Natalie Eileen Denton
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**July 21, 2015**

SP-11861-	Rhonda Lee Moore
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**July 30, 2015**

SP-11864-	Christina Jeanette Mneimne
SP-11865-	Katie Ann Weller

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

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on June 1, 2015, June 15, 2015, July 1, 2015, and July 17, 2015. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**June 1, 2015**

A-00413-	Holle Lynn Aungst	re-licensure
A-01968-	Erica Danielle Llewellyn	
A-01969-	Kristine Elizabeth Sonstrom	
A-01970-	Madeline Anne Vojak	

**June 15, 2015**

A-01971-	David Ian Alexander
A-01972-	Kelly Anne Bohlander

**July 1, 2015**

A-01973-	Lisa Anne Hansel
A-01974-	Shayna Marie Goode

**July 17, 2015**

A-01975-	Kristen Marissa Santelmann
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<b>Conditional Speech-Language Pathology</b>
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**Motion #5**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on June 1, 2015, June 15, 2015, June 17, 2015, June 22, 2015, July 1, 2015, July 8, 2015, and July 15, 2015. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**June 1, 2015**

COND-2015315-SP	Kara Ann Oksanen
COND-2015316-SP	Katheryn Jean Purkiser
COND-2015317-SP	Evelyn Rachelle Schwer
COND-2015318-SP	Stephanee Lee Mason
COND-2015319-SP	Megan Lee Vehslage
COND-2015320-SP	Rhonda Renee Wilmoth
COND-2015321-SP	Mary Jane Wise
COND-2015322-SP	Emily Christine Marsh
COND-2015323-SP	Rachel Ann Brown
COND-2015324-SP	Katherine Amanda McIntire
COND-2015325-SP	Ryan James Tornabene
COND-2015326-SP	Kara Marie Pickering
COND-2015327-SP	Morgan McKenzi Westhoven
COND-2015328-SP	Laura Marie Pierce
COND-2015329-SP	Lana Renee Dennison
COND-2015330-SP	Katherine McEntee O'Donnell
COND-2015331-SP	Allison Leigh Matchinga
COND-2015332-SP	Delaney Rae Malley
COND-2015333-SP	Chelsey Nicole Hazelett

**June 15, 2015**

COND-2015334-SP	Trevor Alan Scott
COND-2015335-SP	Jenna Marie Peters
COND-2015336-SP	Elizabeth Anne Carolus
COND-2015337-SP	Caryn Stanowick
COND-2015338-SP	Julie Madsen Gilmer
COND-2015339-SP	Ryan Lewis Holmes
COND-2015340-SP	Latoya Peoples
COND-2015341-SP	Emily Marie Fuller
COND-2015342-SP	Danielle Marie Thompson
COND-2015343-SP	Amanda Lee Blake

COND-2015344-SP	Allison Jo Moore
COND-2015345-SP	Paige Elizabeth Hamill
COND-2015346-SP	Kelly Josephine Rath
COND-2015347-SP	Kelsey A Rogers
COND-2015348-SP	Caitlyn Rae Rogers
COND-2015349-SP	Cassandra Jade Klafter
COND-2015350-SP	Marie Lee Fisher
COND-2015351-SP	Maura Geraldine Natale

**June 17, 2015**

COND-2015352-SP	Calli Nicole Herold
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**June 22, 2015**

COND-2015353-SP	Allison Marie Findlay
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**July 1, 2015**

COND-2016001-SP	Theresa Marie McDonald
COND-2016002-SP	Victoria Ann Reagan
COND-2016003-SP	Rebecca E Haas
COND-2016004-SP	Amanda Marie Avalos
COND-2016005-SP	Kaitlin Therese Hopkins
COND-2016006-SP	Brittany Lauren Barsic
COND-2016007-SP	Alexandra Elizabeth Campbell
COND-2016008-SP	Jacqueline E Schultheis

**July 8, 2015**

COND-2016009-SP	Megan Hope Kasputis
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**July 15, 2015**

COND-2016010-SP	Carolyn Louise Williams
COND-2016011-SP	Julia Leanne Barry
COND-2016012-SP	Cassandra Guarneros
COND-2016013-SP	Ashley Melisa Barrientos Mauter
COND-2016014-SP	Kelsey Ann Purtell
COND-2016015-SP	Jamie Dawn Busch
COND-2016016-SP	Meredith Anne Snow
COND-2016017-SP	Dillon Davis

**LICENSING SUMMARY**

Audiologist		961
Inactives	AUD / SLP	38 / 218
Conditional SLP		302
SLP-Aide		10
AUD-Aide		61
Duals		37
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8449</b>

## A. Applications for Review

### Audiology Aides

#### Motion #6

Ms. Brown moved to approve the initial application for Audiology Aide, number 080315-FRA. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Motion #9

Ms. Brown moved to approve the initial application for Audiology Aide, number 080315-HOB. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Motion #10

Ms. Brown moved to approve the initial application for Audiology Aide, number 080315-CAR. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Speech-Language Pathology Aides

None

### Licensure Applications

None

### Special Applications

None

## ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

There was no Assistant Attorney General's report.

## INVESTIGATIONS

### A. Executive Session

#### Motion #11

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). Ms. King seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Ms. Brown: yes; Dr. Froehlich: yes; Ms. King: yes; Ms. Mayle: absent; Dr. Mitchell: yes; Dr. Spangler: yes; Dr. Wellman: yes; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 10:13 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**

### **New**

#### **2015-23**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist (Respondent 1) and her supervisor, also a speech-language pathologist (Respondent 2). Respondent 1 provided weekly speech services, over the span of 7 months, to a 19 year old patient in a pediatric outpatient setting. Respondent 1 discharged the patient from her one-on-one services for the following reasons:

- She believed the patient needed to be around other individuals in the same age group;
- She believed the patient needed functional therapy, which was not available at the current therapy location, and that the current one-on-one therapy was limiting the patient's progression towards their language goals.

The parent of this patient disagreed with the reasons to discharge as well as believed Respondent 2 should not have agreed with discharge; therefore, the parent filed a complaint. The Investigative Review Group (IRG) previously closed this case based on finding that Respondent 1 appropriately discharged the patient, after review of records obtained and responses received from both Respondents.

The parent requested the case be re-opened and raised a new allegation of improper recordkeeping and/or destruction of records. IRG re-opened the case in light of new information the parent provided. The new information, subpoenaed records obtained and second responses received from both Respondents were reviewed by the IRG. Accordingly, upon finding that Respondent 1 appropriately discharged the patient and did not violate Chapter 4753, the IRG recommends closing this case.

#### **Motion #12**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in cases 2015-23. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion. Dr. Froehlich abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

#### **2016-04**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late for her first renewal. She practiced after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline and for 128 days of the 189 days her license was expired. Billed services have been adjusted. She obtained speech-language pathology

licensure January 2013. Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group Committee recommends the following for this case:

Due to this being the first offense for the Respondent, 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:

- The Respondent 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 her Consent Agreement;
- The 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;
- 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.

### **Motion #13**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in cases 2016-04. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Dr. Froehlich abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

### **Previously Heard by the Board**

#### **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 licensure December 1994. Due to this being her first offense, extenuating circumstances, and for violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4753.02, 4753.09, 4753.10(M), the Investigative Review Group recommends amending the previously offered Consent Agreement with the following terms and conditions:

- *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 her 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 #14**

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

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

<b>OPENED</b>	Cases since the last Board Meeting 6/3/2015	30
<b>CLOSED</b>	Cases since the last board meeting 6/3/2015	26
<b>TOTAL Open Cases</b>	After closing any cases today (includes referrals)	22
<b>Consumer Complaints</b>	Of total open cases	13
<b>Referrals</b>	Of total open cases	9

**Of the 22 cases currently open, the Investigative Categories are listed below:**

Billing Fraud	1
Continuing Education Violation	2
Conviction Application Review	0
Conviction	0
False or Misleading Advertisement	7
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	4
Unlicensed Practice	0
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	4

**Outcome of some of the cases closed since the last meeting:**

- 1 Cease and Desist letter
- 1 Amended Consent Agreement
- 2 Informative Letters
- 1 Warning letter "14 Days or Less Practice under an Expired License"
- 16 Warning letters "CE Requirement Not Met"

**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 81 Late Renewals 1/1/15 through 2/6/15 and Part of 87 Prior Board Actions	48	0	1	1	42	4
SLP- Includes: Random 10%, Part of 81 Late Renewals 1/1/15 through 2/6/15 and Part of 87 Prior Board Actions	482	20	8	16	413	20
Late Renewals after 2/6/15 through to date	20	0	0	3 (First Renewals)	15	2
Board Members AUD	3	0	0	0	3	0
Board Members SLP	3	0	0	0	3	0
	<b>556</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>26</b>

To date, of the 556 audited, 506 have been reviewed to completeness (91% complete).

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

- 25 referred
- 3 pending
- 22 closed since last board meeting
  - Of those closed, some resulted in the following:
    - 1 Warning Letter for 14 Days or Less of Practice under an Expired License
    - 2 Informative Letters for CE Audit waiver requests received, and granted, due to extenuating circumstances
    - 14 Warning Letters for Continuing Education Requirement Not Met due to Failed 2014 Continuing Education Audit

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## A. Rules Committee – Tammy Brown

Ms. Brown submitted a copy of the committee minutes from the last meeting on June 3, 2015. The Committee discussed rules regarding impaired practice and researched rules adopted by other regulatory boards. After consideration of the information reviewed, along with legal advice from the Board's Assistant Attorney General, the Committee is not recommending new rules for impaired practice. The Committee noted that the Board has adequate rules currently in place to address impaired practice. The Committee plans to propose amendments to the continuing education rules in 2016, clarifying the minimum number of continuing education clock hours allowable for experience and the number of hours that can be counted towards CPR training.

**B. Professional Competency Committee – Linda Wellman**

Dr. Wellman submitted a copy of the committee minutes from the last meeting on June 3, 2015, and reviewed the committee agenda for the meeting scheduled immediately following the board meeting. She reported that she and Dr. Froehlich recently met to discuss the next steps for the SLP Caseload/Service Delivery Model survey. The Committee also plans to discuss the next steps for advocacy regarding the role of speech-language pathologists and audiologists in the schools. Dr. Wellman reported that the Committee will also discuss the presentation format of the survey results, which will be presented at the annual conference in October sponsored by the Ohio School Speech Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC).

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

Ms. Wiley discussed a new proposed policy regarding the disclosure of criminal convictions and background checks. The policy would be applicable when the Board is filling vacant positions and is required to be followed by all state agencies in the State of Ohio.

**Motion #15**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve the Board's policy for disclosure of criminal convictions and background checks when filling vacant staff positions. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested.

**BOARD BUSINESS****A. HB184-Music Therapy Bill - Update**

The Board reviewed a final draft of concerns and recommendations regarding the proposed music therapy bill, e.g., HB184. The Board authorized Mr. Thornton to share its concerns with the music therapy workgroup. Mr. Thornton reported that the workgroup met on July 9, 2015, and plans to request that an interested parties meeting be scheduled in the fall.

**B. Service Delivery Operating Standards – Workload Process - Update**

Mr. Thornton updated the Board on a meeting he and Ms. Mayle had with the Special Education Director for the Pickerington Local School District. The meeting focused on how the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) workload process was being implemented to determine the appropriate caseload size for their speech-language pathologists. Mr. Thornton presented the Board with a draft letter that will be sent to the Special Education Director in follow-up to the meeting. Mr. Thornton also updated the Board regarding the status of frequently asked questions that ODE was preparing to assist school districts with implementing the workload approach, as required by the ODE's Operating Standards for Special Education. He stated that Dr. Sue Zake, the Director of the ODE's Office for Exceptional Children, replied that the FAQs are in the process of being finalized. The Board requested that it be informed once the FAQs are in place so that the information can be shared with licensees.

#### C. 2014 Strategic Plan – Update

The Board reviewed the status of its 2015 strategic plan and noted many initiatives as being already “complete.” Mr. Thornton noted that all of the priority initiatives are either complete or in-progress. He stated that a few initiatives will be carried over into 2016 and reviewed at the next strategic plan meeting scheduled for January.

#### D. ASHA Peer Review – ASHA Code of Ethics

The Board reviewed a draft of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s (ASHA) Code of Ethics for peer review. The Board did not note any significant changes. Mr. Thornton will submit the Board’s comments to ASHA. The Board also indicated that once ASHA has finalized its Code of Ethics, it will review their code under Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 9 to ensure consistency.

#### E. NCSB – Licensure Portability

The Board reviewed correspondence from the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB) regarding licensure portability. The NCSB Board of Directors requested that members planning to attend the annual conference in October be prepared to discuss this issue. The Board discussed important issues related to consumer protection, which will be shared at the conference by board members who are registered to attend.

#### F. NCSB Conference – Update

The Board reviewed the pre-conference workshop agenda and conference agenda for the annual conference sponsored by the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB) scheduled in October. The Board is a member of NCSB and will have representatives attending the conference.

#### G. OSSPEAC Conference – Update

The Board discussed its presentation schedule at the annual conference sponsored by the Ohio School Speech Pathology and Educational Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC). OSSPEAC invited the Board to give a two-hour ethics presentation on Sunday, October 10, Monday, October 11, and Tuesday, October 12. On Monday, October 11, 2015, the Board will also give a presentation on licensure updates. This presentation will focus on the results from the service delivery model survey and actions the Board has undertaken to address the workload/caseload issue and advocacy about the role of SLPs and AUDs in the school.

#### H. Board Appointments – Update

The Board reviewed letters of recommendation submitted by the Ohio Speech-Language-Hearing Association for upcoming board appointments. The Board will have one board member vacancy on September 26, 2015. Amy Thorpe Wiley will be completing her second full term on the board. OSLHA submitted a letter to the Governor’s Office recommending Carol Hofbauer or Donna Colcord to fill the speech-language pathology board member vacancy.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed correspondence since the last board meeting.

**MEMBER CONCERNS**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley stated that when filing the upcoming board member vacancy that it is extremely important that the board member fulfilling the vacancy have current clinical experience and knowledge of the new ICD-10 codes that will be effective October 1, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 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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