

Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Minutes of December 11, 2006



Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
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MINUTES
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The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. by Chairperson, Patrick N. Mangino, Au.D. in the Board Room on the 31st Floor of the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

Members present: Patrick N. Mangino, Au. D., Audiology Board Member, and Chairperson
Davida Parsons, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member and Vice Chair
Carol P. Leslie, Ph.D., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Valenta Ward-Gravely, Au.D. Audiology Board Member
Susan O'Brien, Public Board Member
Ann Shotwell, Public Board Member
Dawn Gleason, Au.D. Audiology Board Member
Patricia Zurlinden, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

Also Present: Michael J. Setty, Executive Director
Diane Hoenig, Licensing Administrator
Connie Stansberry, Investigator
Deborah Howard, Administrative Assistant
Dominic Chieffo, Assistant Attorney General

PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' COMMENTS

No Public comments were presented.

AGENDA

The agenda was presented and reviewed.

Motion#1 Ms. Shotwell moved to accept the agenda as amended. Dr. Leslie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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The minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting were reviewed and corrected.

Motion#2 Ms. Parsons moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting as corrected. Dr. Gleason seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Dr. Mangino reported that he had received seven evaluations from Board Members and would compile results and discuss the results under Board Business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board continues to operate with a surplus of budgeted funds of \$15,000 over anticipated expenses.

Late renewals of licenses continue. Over 200 late renewals have been posted since September 30. Many late licensees stated that they were unaware of the change in the deadline to renew, despite the numerous reminders by the Board.

The Board will give a presentation at the OSLHA Conference on Friday March 9 from 10:15 to 11:45 in Columbus.

The Board will give a presentation at the OOA Conference on Sunday February 25 from 8:00 to 9:30 in Dublin.

The Board has been receiving updates from many states on Audiology licensure changes relating to the doctorate in audiology. Many states are adopting the AuD as a requirement for licensure.

State procedures for check processing are changing. Checks will be issued by the Office of Management and Budget instead of the Auditor's office. This will delay check issuance until early January.

Payroll processing and check deposits will change December 22, 2006. The State is implementing a new personnel/payroll system and checks will be issued by the office of Management and Budget instead of the Auditor's office.

The Executive Director requested the appropriation of a maximum of \$12,000 for temporary labor to complete backlogged filing and revenue reconciliation. Sufficient funds are available in our Personnel budget.

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The Executive Director was reimbursed \$236 for travel and expenses for university presentations and the OSSPEAC Conference.

The Executive director was off on November 22 and 24, 2006.

Motion#3 Dr. Leslie moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$12,000 in personnel budgeted funds for temporary help. Dr. Gleason seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Mr. Chieffo reported that a two day hearing would be conducted in mid January 2007.

INVESTIGATIONS

Motion#4 Dr. Leslie moved to enter Executive Session for the discussion of investigations. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Mangino: yes; Dr Leslie: yes; Ms. Parsons: yes; Ms. Shotwell: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes; Dr. Gleason: yes.

The Board went into executive session at 10:07 A.M. with the Board staff in attendance.

Motion#5 Dr. Leslie moved to reenter Public Session. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Mangino: yes; Dr Leslie: yes; Ms. Parsons: yes; Ms. Shotwell: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes; Dr. Gleason: yes.

The Board returned to Public Session at 10:32 A.M.

In Case 2006-18 an Audiology applicant admitted to arrest record. A Consent Agreement was signed by the applicant and Board Chair. The Consent Agreement in Case No. 2006-18 was reviewed by the Board.

Motion #6 Ms. Parsons moved to approve the consent agreement in Case 2006-18. Dr. Leslie seconded the motion, which passed uncontested. Ms. Parsons and Dr. Ward-Gravely abstained.

In Case 2007-8 an audiologist uses the title "Dr." in a newspaper ad but does not reference himself as a Doctor of Audiology or Audiologist.. The Review group recommended that a cease and desist order be sent to the licensee to appropriately identify his profession.

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Motion#7 Dr. Leslie moved to issue a cease and desist order in Case 2007-8 requiring the Audiologist to properly identify themselves as an Audiologist in their advertising in case. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion, which passed uncontested. Ms. Parsons abstained.

In Case 2007-9 an audiologist uses the title “Dr.” in a newspaper ad but does not reference himself as a Doctor of Audiology or Audiologist.. The Review group recommended that a cease and desist order be sent to the licensee to appropriately identify his profession.

Motion#8 Dr. Leslie moved to issue a cease and desist order in Case 2007-9 requiring the Audiologist to properly identify themselves as an Audiologist in their advertising in case. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion, which passed uncontested. Ms. Parsons abstained.

Since the November 6, 2006 board meeting, 2 cases were closed and 3 were opened.

LICENSURE

Speech-Language Pathology

Motion#9 Ms. Parsons moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on November 15 2006 and December 1, 2006. Ms. Shotwell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approved November 15, 2006

Michelle Elizabeth	Frey	SP 8694
Jenna Marie	Lutz	SP 8695
Maida D	Webb	SP 8696
Kelly Ann	Saversky	SP 8697
Julia Lynn	Shad	SP 8698

Approved December 1, 2006

Alana J.	Ferch	SP8699
Lindsay Beth	Brown	SP8700
Jessica Ann	Sparber	SP8701

Conditional Speech-Language Pathology

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Motion#10 Ms. Parsons moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on November 15, 2006 and December 1, 2006. Dr. Leslie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approved November 15, 2006

Amanda Kay

Buchanan

COND 2007079

Amy Louise

Longstreth

COND 2007080

Approved December 1, 2006

Aleida Marie

Rivero

COND 2007081

Michele Lee

George

COND 2007082

Aide Licensure

Speech-Language Pathology Aide

Jennifer Cox application for Speech-Language Pathology Aide was reviewed.

Motion#11 Ms. Zurlinden moved to deny Speech-Language Pathology Aide licensure for Jennifer Cox for exceeding the scope of practice in the application and to send a Notice of opportunity for a hearing. Dr. Leslie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Audiology Aides

Chris Chmielewski and Christopher Mills applications for Audiology Aide licensure were reviewed.

Motion#12 Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to deny audiology Aide licensure and to send a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for Chris Chmielewski and Christopher Mills, because their applications reflected duties covered by the Ohio Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters. Dr. Gleason seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

Licensure Issues

Emily M. Gatsos and Julie Drummund have requested to withdraw their applications for conditional licensure.

Motion#13 Ms. Parsons moved to approve the withdrawal of the applications for conditional licensure of Emily M. Gatsos and Julie Drummund. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Reports were presented

CORRESPONDENCE

Jennifer Hardin of the Ohio Ethics Commission responded to the Board's request for guidance on developing a policy on Board paid expenses for conference attendance. She stated that the Ethics Commission had no policy statement or guidance related to the Board's request.

Teresita A. Romweber requested a waiver of the late fee for license renewal after September 30, 2006.

Judith Presser Blott requested a waiver of the late fee for license renewal after September 30, 2006.

Cindy McKibben requested a waiver of the late fee for license renewal after September 30, 2006.

Ellen F. Yoder requested a waiver of the late fee for license renewal after September 30, 2006.

A letter will be sent to individuals requesting waivers of late fees that their late fees will not be waived and will state the reasons the rule was change in 2002.

Jon Carr requested the Board's position on changing an evaluation on his client's record by his supervisor.

In this matter, the supervisor is allowed to change the evaluation of the Speech-Language Pathologist with proper documentation.

BOARD BUSINESS

Meeting with Ohio Department of Education

Ms. Parsons updated the Board on recent meetings she and Mr. Setty attended with representatives of OSSPEAC, OSLHA, University Speech-Language Pathology Programs and the Ohio Department of Education on the shortage of Speech-Language Pathologists in the public schools.

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The discussions focused on graduating more students from the MA SLP program; encouraging more SLPs to work in the public schools; and retaining the SLPs who work in the public schools.

The Ohio Department of Education has committed \$2.5 million in 2007 and 2008 to help achieve these goals. Graduate programs will be funded to increase enrollment by 50 students. The OMNIE program will be funded to increase participation by 30. An internship program will be initiated by the universities to place supervised second year Speech-Language Pathology students in schools to assist with speech pathology services in underserved areas. A pilot program will be initiated to use telepractice of speech-language pathology in certain targeted schools.

The use of Speech-Language Pathology students in schools to assist with speech pathology services will require a change in RC 4753 to allow for accommodation of student practice of speech pathology. This concept is supported by the state professional associations, the university programs and the Department of Education. This group will meet to draft the needed changes in our law and rules. The goal is to have these changes made by September of 2007.

Continuing Education Cycle

Dr. Ward-Gravely noted the confusion with many licensees on the time frame for completing the required Continuing Education hours for license renewal. Clarification of the requirements will be developed and placed on the Board's website.

FARB Conference Request

Ms. Shotwell and Dr. Ward-Gravely submitted written requests to attend the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) annual conference on February 2-4 2007.

Motion#14 Ms. Parsons moved to approve the requests to attend the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards annual conference on February 2-4 2007 by Ms. Shotwell and Dr. Ward-Gravely. Dr. Leslie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Conference Policy

Mr. Setty presented a revision of the Board's Conference Policy for discussion. It was recommended that the policy be redrafted to incorporate conferences that encompass professional practice, regulatory issues, legal issues, and governance of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. The policy will also place a dollar cap on the annual expenses for each member.

Board Evaluation

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Dr. Mangino gave the Board a summary of the Board Evaluations submitted to him. The evaluations were generally positive.

Election of Officers for 2007

Motion#15 Dr. Mangino nominated Ms. Parsons for Chairperson of the Board. Dr. Mangino moved to close the nominations. Dr. Leslie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Motion#16 Dr. Mangino nominated Dr. Gleason for Vice Chairperson of the Board. Dr. Ward-Gravely nominated Dr. Leslie for Vice Chairperson of the Board. Ms. Shotwell moved to close nominations. Dr. Gleason was elected Vice chairperson by ballot vote.

Dr. Ward-Gravely addressed the importance of the public member appointment which will be coming in September, and to look for potential candidates..

Committee Appointments for 2007

Rules Committee:

Ms..Zurlinden, Chairperson
Ms. O'Brien
Dr. Leslie
Dr. Ward-Gravely
Dr. Gleason

Professional Competency Committee:

Dr. Ward-Gravely, Chairperson
Dr. Leslie
Dr. Gleason

Policy and Procedure Committee:

Dr. Leslie, Chairperson
Ms..Zurlinden
Ms. Shotwell

Investigations Review Group:

Dr. Mangino

Review Committee January-June 2007:

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Dr. Leslie
Dr. Ward-Gravely

Review Committee July-December 2007

Ms..Zurlinden
Dr. Mangino

Board Meeting Dates for 2007

The Board will meet on the following dates in 2007:

Thursday February 22, 2007

Thursday March 22, 2007 Board Meeting and
Friday March 23, 2007 Strategic Planning

Friday May 4, 2007

Thursday June 21, 2007

Monday September 10, 2007

Tuesday October 16, 2007

Thursday December 6, 2007

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 P.M.

Patrick N. Mangino ,Au.D. Chairperson Date

David Parsons, M.A. Vice Chair Date

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