

Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
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Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
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MINUTES
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The meeting was called to order at 9:08 A.M. by Acting Chairperson, Davida Parsons, M.A., in Room East B on the 31st Floor of the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

Members present:

Davida Parsons, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
and Acting Chairperson
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
Doug Hart, 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. Amendments were made.

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

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The minutes of the March 9, 2006 meeting were reviewed and corrected.

Motion#2 Dr. Gleason moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2006 meeting. Dr. Leslie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. Parsons thanked the Board Members and Staff for the support she and her husband, Marvin, have received in the past year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Board expenses are well under budget through mid May. Based on projected expenses through the end of Fiscal Year 2006 it is anticipated that the Board will have a surplus of at least \$28,000. The major cost centers contributing to this surplus are staff wages (\$18,000), Board expenses (\$4,500), and Board salaries (\$6,000).

The Executive Director proposed spending down the surplus funds by \$16,800 on the following equipment:

1. Laptop computer \$2,000
2. Backup office computer and accessories \$2,000
3. Color laser printer \$400
4. Fax update for scanner/copier \$1600
5. Computer monitor \$800
6. Office cubicles \$10,000

Any excess funds after the purchase of the equipment would be spent on scanning of expired license files.

The Executive Director attended a meeting of the regulatory boards with the Office of Budget and Management on May 18 regarding 4K9 balances. As of May 1 our fund balance was about \$850,000, which is within our projections. The staff of OMB hinted at a raid on the 4K9 funds and will notify the boards, if this occurs, in July.

The Executive Director reported that since the last meeting, the consolidation issue was revived and quickly killed by the legislature. The efforts to override this consolidation by many of the states professional associations finally led the legislature to maintain the autonomy of the regulatory board. The state associations representing the speech pathology and audiology professions were very active in opposing the consolidation through the GAC.

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The State of Ohio is now requiring certain state licensed professionals to sign a "Terrorist Declaration Form" which attests to being/not being a terrorist. This form is also required of newly hired state employees and newly appointed or reappointed Board Members.

The staff has begun purging old licensee files that were located off site. There are approximately 5,500 expired license files. The final file will contain the original application, supporting documentation and Board action. These files will eventually be scanned and the information imported to the licensee's CAVU file. The scanning will be done by a state contractor of this service that has been doing this function for other Boards. Once completed, this will eliminate the costs and inconvenience of off site storage.

Eventually, all of the licensees' files (approximately 6,500) will be scanned in this manner. It is anticipated that this undertaking will take three to five years to complete.

The Executive Director and the Investigator met with representatives of ODE, DAS, and MRDD regarding the requirement of their Speech Pathology Supervisors to hold a current license by this Board. The current position description requires ASHA certification only. They will amend their position descriptions to reflect this requirement.

The Safety and Security plans of the Board were reviewed by the Ohio Department of Homeland Security and found to be in full compliance with state guidelines.

The Governor's office has directed all state agencies, boards, and commissions to prepare a plan for a nationwide pandemic that may result from the bird flu. It is anticipated that the plan for this board will be completed by October.

A draft of the Spring Newsletter was presented to the Board for review and comment.

The Executive Director was reimbursed \$40 for mileage expenses.

The Executive Director was off on April 14.

Motion#3 Dr. Leslie moved to approve the purchase of up to \$16,800 for a laptop computer, backup office computer and accessories, color laser printer, fax update for scanner/copier, computer monitor, and office cubicles. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

No report was presented.

INVESTIGATIONS

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

The Board went into executive session at 9:30 A.M. with the Board staff in attendance.

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

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:45 A.M.

Case 06-13 involved a billing issue for an ear mold procedure. The Review Group recommended closing the case.

Motion#6 Dr. Gleason moved to close Case 06-13. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion, which passed uncontested. Ms. Parsons abstained.

In case 05-06 the licensee has failed to respond to repeated requests from the Board for information. The Review Group recommended that a 119 Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing be issued to the licensee.

Motion#7 Dr. Leslie moved to issue a 119 Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing in Case 05-06 for failure to respond to a lawful request from the board within thirty days. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion, which passed uncontested. Ms. Parsons abstained.

Case 06-16 involved a licensee using a controlled substance while treating patients. The Review Group recommended issuing a 119 Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing.

Motion#8 Ms. Shotwell moved to issue a 119 Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing in Case 06-16 for practice under the influence of illegal substances, alcohol, or other chemicals that may impair decision making or quality of care. Dr. Leslie seconded the motion, which passed uncontested. Ms. Parsons abstained.

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Motion#9 Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to rescind **Motion#6** due to the wrong case number being in the motion (06-16 instead of 06-15). Ms. O'Brien seconded the motion, which passed uncontested. Ms. Parsons abstained.

In Case 06-17 the licensee has failed to submit continuing education documents requested by the Board. The Review Group recommended 119 Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing be issued in Case 06-17.

Motion#10 Dr. Leslie moved to issue a 119 Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing in Case 06-17 for failure to respond to a lawful request from the board within thirty days. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion, which passed uncontested. Ms. Parsons abstained.

LICENSURE

Motion#11 Dr Leslie moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on March 15, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 2006. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Speech-Language Pathology licenses approved on the following date(s):

Approved March 15, 2006

Maria Muccio Connor	SP 3525 Re-Licensure
Janice Szari	SP 4337 Re-Licensure
Cynthia Beck	SP 3967
Danielle Fedorovich	SP 8478
Jennifer Ann Hatfield Ball	SP 8479
Michelle Lynn Harrison	SP 8480
Jamie R. Savasta	SP 8481
Elizabeth Ann Diana	SP 8482
Amy Melissa Ward	SP 8483
Julie Anne Bright	SP 8484
Kathleen Anne Brown	SP 8485
Christina J. Yeager	SP 8486
Rosemary Christine Borzell	SP 8487
Courtney Simpson	SP 8504
Tracy G. Klein	SP 8505
Barbara Jane Sampson	SP 8506
Rhonda Carlson	SP 8507
Sarah J. Lakner	SP 8508

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Jennifer Lynn Case	SP-8509
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Margaret Catherine Wilhelm		SP-8510
Jennifer Lynn Ameer		SP-8511
Felicity Anastasia Strauss		SP-8512
Tracy Anne Lewis		SP-8513
Mary Elizabeth Ellingsen		SP-8514
Jennifer A. Freson		SP-8515
Brianne Leigh Shook		SP-8516
Caitlin Elizabeth Tobey		SP-8517
Shelley Lucille Johnston		SP-8518
Deanna Marie Fuster		SP-8519
Shannon Janelle Condon		SP-8520
Heather Dawn Meyers		SP-8521
Angela L Jesser		SP-8522
Mindy Marie Freson		SP-8523
Amanda Kathryn Hogan		SP-8524
Abby M. Milano		SP-8525

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Natalie A. Morris		SP 8526
Katherine L. Adams		SP 8527
Kelly Marie Jones		SP 8528
Beverly A. Page		SP 8529
Cynthia M. Sefcik		SP 8530
Erica Lynn Ramey		SP 8531
Lindsay Boyer		SP 8532
Kevin McElfresh		SP 8533
Leisa		
Christine Lauck		SP 8534
Tiffany Y. Madden		SP 8535
Heather Liles		SP 8536
Tricia Reier		SP 8537
Jennifer Anne Lamping		SP 8538
Janice L. McGregor		SP 8539
Kristin Atkins Upite		SP 8540
Jessica		
Rybicki McMillan		SP 8541
Rebecca Isaccs		SP 8542

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Sara Martin		SP 8543
Stacy Faust		SP 8544
Mary T. McDermott		SP8545
Nicole Smith		SP 8546

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Christine		
Tracy Marie	Roy	SP 8547
Kerri Lynn	Warner	SP 8548
Jennifer Marie	Ovall	SP 8549
Nicole D.	Villanueva	SP 8550
Maggie	Hinkel	SP 8551
Stacey	Fernstrum	SP 8552

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Susan Elizabeth	Eason	SP 8553
Stephanie J.	Silbaugh	SP 8554
Corinne	Thomas	SP 8555
Shannon	Wilt	SP 8556
Patricia	Putnam	SP 8557
Emily A.	Wead	SP 8558
Mary Elizabeth	Hobbins	SP 8559
Kaitlin	Osborn	SP 8560
Andrea	Nicholas	SP 8561
Sarah	Bauman	SP 8562
Kerri Clark	Bauer	SP 8563
Tiffany Renee	Cunningham	SP 8564
Amanda Grace	Joos	SP 8565
May Joanne	Gillan	SP 8566
Katherine Elizabeth	Rasmussen	SP 8567

Motion#12 Dr Leslie moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on March 15, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 2006. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses approved on the following date(s):

Approved April 3, 2006

Caroline A Byrne	COND-2006100
Vanessa Lindsay	COND-2006101
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Robin Michael Jones	COND-2006102
Kristin Atkins Upite	COND-2006103 2 nd Conditional

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James Bayer	COND. 2006104
Emily Atwood Wead	COND. 2006105

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Dellana Maria Kinkopf	COND. 2006108
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Gina R.	Vinci	COND. 2006110
Abigail Marie	Popplewell	COND. 2006111
Laine A.	Okuley	COND. 2006112
Nichole Lynn	Cannon	COND. 2006113
Lacy Ann	Haren	COND. 2006114
Laura Beth	Schoen	COND. 2006115
Kelly Jo	Darringer	COND. 2006116
Lauren E	deFranco	COND. 2006117
Eileen H.	Kitral	COND. 2006118
Emily	Schroeder	COND. 2006119
Heidi Lynn	Haslinger	COND. 2006120
Angela Kay	Melarango	COND.2006121
Patricia L.	Norasaeng	COND2006122
Megan Leigh	Bevington	COND. 2006123
Todd Connolly	Haydock	COND. 2006124
Karen Marie	Krouse	COND. 2006125
Rebecca Josephine	Prenger	COND. 2006126
Katherine Elizabeth	Scott	COND. 2006127
Lisa Michelle	Ryckbost	COND. 2006128
Jennifer Lauren	Shade	COND. 2006129
Stephanie Jo	Stroh	COND. 2006130
Jessica L.	Blee	COND 2006131
Laurie Ann	Bonkoski	COND. 2006132
Sara Jayne	Dutton	COND. 2006133
Kritsin Lynn	Greier	COND. 2006134
Tiffany Renae	Lada	COND. 2006135
Gia M.	Mandala	COND. 2006136
Jamie Lynn	Murphy	COND. 2006137
Elizabeth	Roth	COND. 2006138
Melissa Ann	Smith	COND. 2006139
Julie A.	Thiry	COND. 2006140
Jamie D.	Antolak	COND. 2006141

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Rebecca A.	Fedak	COND. 2006142
Claire M.	Lockhart	COND. 2006143
Sarah Marie	Wasiniak	COND. 2006144
Nicole Danielle	Lowe	COND. 2006145
Jessica Leigh	Westall	COND. 2006146
Kimberly	Blevins	COND. 2006147
Lauren Joyce	Maynard	COND. 2006148
Lusi	Radan	COND. 2006149
Megan Marks	Wagner	COND. 2006150
Tiffany Faye	Ryan	COND. 2006151
Christine	Maxwell	COND. 2006152
Georgia Demetria	Ifantiedes	COND. 2006153
Megan	Borchardt	COND. 2006154

Motion#13 Dr Leslie moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 2006. Dr. Gleason seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Audiology licenses granted on the following date(s):

Approved April 3, 2006

Kate Elizabeth Johnston A-01559

Approved April 17, 2006

Amanda Gorodeski A 01560

Approved May 1, 2006

Christina Marie	Kenney	A 01561
Anna Marie	Durtschi	A 01562
Erica Michelle	Campbell	A 01563
Stacy Jaclyn	Weisend	A 01564
Gina Marie	Stillitano	A 01565
Michael P.	Scott	A 01566
Dawn	Estelle	A 01567
Melissa	Cherne	A 01568

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Christine Eby A 01569

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Motion#14 Dr Leslie moved to ratify the Conditional Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on March 15, April 17, May 1, 15, 2006. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Conditional Audiology licenses granted on the following date(s).

Approved March 15, 2006

Elizabeth D. Leigh-Paffenroth COND. 2006098
Rebecca Ann Brashears COND. 2000699

Approved April 17, 2006

Laura E. Ritchey COND. 2006106
Katherine
L. Bush COND. 2006107

Approved May 1, 2006

Mitchell
Dale Campbell COND. 2006109

Approved May 15, 2006

Claudia
Annette Dome COND. 2006155

Aide Licensure

Motion#15 Dr. Gleason moved to approve the audiology aide licenses for John Tirado, Thomas P. Cholley, Linda Marie Pass and Margaret M. McKeon. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Licensure Issues

Linda Sue (Schmidt) Hill has re applied for conditional licensure, Ms. Hill has allowed her first conditional license expire after her experience was rejected by the Board in 1999. Her current application has all appropriate documentation. The Board reviewed the application file.

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Motion#16 Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to approve the conditional license for Linda Sue Hill (COND. 2006156). Ms. O'Brien seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sheila C. Puente has re applied for licensure as an audiologist. Ms. Puente has indicated on her application that she has been convicted of a felony.

Motion#17 Ms. O'Brien moved to table the application for audiology license of Shelia C. Puente, pending receipt of more information on the matter. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sara Marie Hagamon has requested to withdraw her conditional license with the Board license number COND. 2006020.

Motion#18 Dr. Leslie moved to accept the withdrawal of Sara Marie Hagamon COND. 2006020. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

License Renewal

Mr. Hart presented the 2006 license renewal schedule and procedures to the Board. The following will take place beginning in early July:

- July 1 Reminder letters will be mailed
- July 5 On line renewals will begin
- August 1 Aide renewals will be sent out
- August 1 Second reminder letter sent
- Sept. 1 List of licensees with unknown addresses posted.
- October 1 Late renewal fee initiated.

Licensees will be strongly encouraged to renew on line, since there is instant verification of the renewal and instant documentation. Dual licensed individuals will have to apply by mail since the system will not allow for this category.

CAVU License files

Mr. Hart briefed the Board on the scanning of licensee files and the incorporation of these files into the licensee's CAVU file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy and Procedure Committee

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The Policy and Procedure committee is reviewing the draft of the Policy and Procedure Manual. The Board Members received a computer disc of the manual.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nancy Creaghead requested Board waiver for fourth year AuD students to receive a stipend for their work.

The Board discussed this matter along with the consideration of a rule change that would exempt AuD students from the prohibition on student clinical work being reimbursed. The Board decided that the existing laws and rules of the Board do not cover the issue relative to the AuD students, and that the Board does not have jurisdiction over the AuD programs. The issue of a possible rule change was dismissed as unnecessary.

The Ohio Au.D. programs will be informed of the Board's position.

Joy Munson requested continuing education credit for a class presentation. She submitted a course syllabus for the class.

The Board approved continuing education credit for the preparation and presentation of the class on a one time basis.

Steve Griffin inquired of the Board if professors can receive Continuing Education Credit from the Board for the courses they teach.

The Board would approve continuing education credit for the time required to prepare the course content on a one time basis for the course related to speech-language pathology or audiology.

BOARD BUSINESS

Proposed Rule Changes

The Public Hearing on Proposed Rules changes will be held on July 24 at 1:00 PM. in conjunction with the July Board Meeting

Proposed Law change

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The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed change in ORC 4753 that would reopen grandfathering for individuals who received an undergraduate degree in Speech-language Pathology or Audiology prior to September 1976.

Motion#19 Dr. Leslie moved to oppose the changes to ORC 4753 because of the potential harm to consumers by diminishing the quality of the speech-language pathology and audiology professions in Ohio. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion, which passed. Ms. Shotwell and Dr. Ward-Gravely abstained.

Motion #20 Dr. Leslie moved to rescind. Ms. O'Brien seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Motion# 21 Dr. Leslie moved to not accept the current language proposed in ORC 4753. The Board is open to entertain other alternatives in the requirements for licensure as long as such changes insure consumer protection, while addressing the shortage of speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Ohio. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Board Member Appointments for terms ending September 26, 2006

David Parsons, Speech-Language Pathologist Member is eligible for reappointment and would accept reappointment.

Patricia Zurlinden, Speech-Language Pathologist Member is eligible for reappointment and would accept reappointment.

Executive Director Evaluation

The Executive Director's evaluation and goals will be sent to Board Members prior to the next meeting.

MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments were presented by the Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion#22 The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

David Parsons, M.A., Acting Chairperson

Date

