



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

**Board Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2009**

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairperson, Valenta Ward-Gravely, Au.D., held at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Performing Arts Building, 77 South High Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor - Board Room, Columbus, OH 43215.

**Members present:**

Valenta Ward-Gravely, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Chairperson  
Helene Levenfus, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Vice Chairperson  
Loretta Embry, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member  
Jane Kukula, Au.D., Audiology Board Member  
Patricia Leppla, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member  
Malcolm Porter, Public Board Member

**Members absent:**

J. Paul Good, Public Board Member – Excused absence  
Patricia Zurlinden, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member –  
Excused absence

**Also Present:** Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director  
Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator  
Diane L. Hoenig, Licensing Administrator  
Melissa L. Wilburn, Assistant Attorney General

**OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Jill Kramer from The Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, observed the meeting today. She graduates in "audiology" in August 2009. She would like to concentrate her area of practice in a private audiology setting.
- Mr. Thornton informed the Board that an author named Artie Knapp wanted to attend the meeting today to introduce himself to the Board and report about his new book called School Stuttering Takes a Stand, but was unable to attend.

**AGENDA**

The agenda for the May 1, 2009, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed. The following amendments were made:

1. Review of proposed Board Policies and Procedures will be discussed during Board Business.

**Motion #1**

Dr. Kukula moved to accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 30, 2009 board meeting were reviewed as corrected at the March 5, 2009 board meeting.

**Motion #2**

Dr. Kukula moved to accept the minutes of the January 30, 2009, Board meeting, as corrected. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the March 5, 2009, Board meeting were reviewed.

**Motion #3**

Dr. Kukula moved to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2009, Board meeting. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Ward-Gravely made the following comments:

- Board members Mr. Good and Mrs. Zurlinden requested to be excused from today's Board meeting.
- Appreciation was expressed to the staff for all of their hard work preparing the Board materials prior to the Board meeting and then providing those materials again today for the meeting.
- The staff has been very busy over the past thirty days.
- Mr. Thornton has been working very diligently as the new Executive Director.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thornton submitted a written report of significant activities occurring since the last Board meeting. He provided updates regarding:

- Governor's Executive Order 2009-07S, issued on April 2, 2009;
- Student permit issue;

- Board consolidation under House Bill 1;
- The Ohio Civil Service Employees contract with the state of Ohio;
- House Bill 648, House Bill 62, Senate Bill 3 and proposed legislation by Sen. Kevin Bacon;
- MBE/Edge program compliance and training;
- Hannah Report subscription;
- The current audit and analysis of the previous audits;
- The Board's current budget and expenditures as well as the proposed biennial budget request for 2010-2011;
- The proposed office move coordinated by DAS – Central Services Agency and Office of Real Estate and Planning;
- Board correspondence; and
- Office policies and procedures.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel Matters

#### **Motion #4**

Dr. Levenfus moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code. Ms. Embry seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Dr. Kukula: yes; Ms. Leppla: yes; Mr. Porter: yes.

The motion carried.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 10:04 A.M. The Board invited Mr. Thornton to remain in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 10:24 A.M.*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Possible Litigation

#### **Motion #5**

Ms. Embry moved to enter Executive Session to confer with the Attorney General's Representative on matters of possible and pending or imminent court action pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(3), of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Porter seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Dr. Kukula: yes; Ms. Leppla: yes; Mr. Porter: yes.

The motion carried.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 10:28 A.M. The Board invited Mr. Thornton to remain in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 11:20 A.M.*

### **ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Board tabled the report by Assistant Attorney General, Melissa L. Wilburn, Esq., until its next meeting on June 15, 2009.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment on the proposed Board rule OAC 4753-10-04 requiring student permit holder's to file a final supervision report and supervision contacts log within 10 business days following completion of the student permit experience on forms prescribed by the Board. The proposed amended rule would also prohibit student permit holders from practice after the experience of the student permit until an application for a conditional license has been approved.

For the record the Board has received written correspondence from universities and the Ohio Department of Education. By reference these will be made part of the official Board minutes.

The following individuals gave public comment on proposed Board rule OAC 4753-10-04:

- Dr. Nancy Creaghead, Ph.D. – Professor and Department Head, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, College of Allied Health Sciences of the University of Cincinnati
- Dr. Yvonne Gillette - Akron, Ohio
- Dr. Robert A. Fox – Ohio State University Chairperson of Speech and Hearing Science
- Other members of the public were in the room but did not provide public comment.
- Dr. Ward-Gravelly invited the guests to remain for the public portion of the meeting, however after making their comments; the guests left the meeting room.

### **INVESTIGATIONS**

#### **A. Executive Session**

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

Ms. Leppla 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). Mr. Porter seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Ward-Gravelly: yes; Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Dr. Kukula: yes; Ms. Leppla: yes; Mr. Porter: yes.

The motion carried.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 12:21 P.M. and invited the Board staff to remain in attendance, along with Assistant Attorney General Melissa L. Wilburn.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 12:48 P.M.*

## **B. Board Actions**

### **Case 2009-24**

This case involves possible misrepresentation as an audiologist by a Hearing Aid Dealer and Fitter who is a certified Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitter and Audioprosthologist. The Initiator, an audiologist, complains that the Respondent refers to himself/herself as an Audioprosthologist in an advertisement when billing a third party. The Initiator claims that insurance companies have been misled to believe that the Respondent was a medical doctor or an audiologist based on the title Audioprosthologist.

**Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends:**

- 1. Responding to the Initiator and explain that although the Respondent, who is not a licensed audiologist, representing himself/herself as an Audioprosthologist can be problematic, the Respondent clearly identifies himself/herself as a Hearing Aid Dealer and Fitter several times in the advertisement.**
- 2. Closing Case 2009-24.**

### **Case 2009-25**

This case involves failure to complete the supervised professional experience report and supervision contacts log in a timely manner by a conditional license holder working in a school. The Respondent was issued a letter from the Board dated April 3, 2009 advising that his/her conditional license expired on April 1, 2009. On April 13, 2009, the Respondent called the Board office stating that he/she received the letter and that they had submitted their supervised professional experience report and supervision contacts log in December 2008.

**Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends:**

- 1. Licensing the Respondent based on all the documents received during the week of April 13, 2009 including his/her report and log. After being issued a license, the Respondent would be offered a Consent Agreement with the following terms:**
  - A) The Respondent, license number SP9359, would be suspended for two months with one month stayed. The suspension would apply as follows: ten days suspension to commence on Saturday, June 13, 2009 through Monday, June 22, 2009; the remaining twenty days suspension to commence on Friday, July 24, 2009 through Wednesday, August 12, 2009.**
  - B) The Respondent would be required to complete ten hours of continuing education on the topic of ethics and five hours on the topic of**

documentation and record keeping. Proof of these fifteen hours shall be submitted to the Board office on or before December 31, 2009.

C) The Respondent would be required to complete an additional twenty hours of continuing education during the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Proof of these hours will be submitted to the Board office on or before December 31, 2010.

D) The Respondent would be audited for continuing education for the next three renewal cycles.

2. The Executive Director will issue a letter to the Respondent's supervisor advising not to continue to supervise someone after their Supervised Professional Experience has ended.

#### **Motion #7**

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Investigation Review Group's recommendations in case 2009-24. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Dr. Ward-Gravely abstained. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Dr. Kukula: no; Ms. Leppla: yes; Mr. Porter: yes.

#### **Motion #8**

Ms. Embry moved to suspend for two months (staying half) commencing June 13, 2009, in case 2009-25 and accept the Review Group's recommendations submitted in the form of a Consent Agreement. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Dr. Ward-Gravely abstained. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Dr. Kukula: yes; Ms. Leppla: yes; Mr. Porter: yes.

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

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| <b>OPENED</b>     | Cases since the last Board Meeting, 3/5/2009 | 6  |
| <b>CLOSED</b>     | Cases at last Board Meeting, 3/5/2009        | 8  |
| <b>Total OPEN</b> | Number of Cases                              | 22 |

*The Board recessed for lunch at 12:50 P.M. and resumed official business at 1:37 P.M.*

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Board held discussion of Supervision of Student Permit Holders, which was added to the Board's agenda for this meeting at the request of Mr. Louis L. Staffilino, Associate Superintendent of Ohio Department of Education – Center for the Teaching Profession. Joining him in attendance were the following:

- Kelly O'Reilly - Governmental Affairs Coalition
- Dr. Nancy Creaghead, Ph.D. – Professor and Department Head, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, College of Allied Health Sciences of the University of Cincinnati
- Nada Allender – The Ohio Master's Network Initiatives in Education-Speech Language Pathology (OMNIE Program) Project Coordinator

Kelly O'Reilly gave a background overview of the student permit program. Mr. Staffilino discussed the challenges of complying with OAC section 4753-10-03(C). Mr. Staffilino was seeking the Board's consideration because thirty-four (34) student permit applications will be submitted to the Board for approval in May 2009. Mr. Staffilino requested that the Board review the new applications in the same manner that the previous applications were reviewed. Mr. Staffilino requested the Board allow him sufficient time to address the supervision issue, which he hopes to have resolved by 2010. Mr. Staffilino requested that he hear from the Board of their decision.

Mr. Staffilino and the individuals who accompanied him were invited to stay for the remainder of the Board meeting. Mr. Staffilino along with those his group graciously declined to stay and exited the room.

#### **Motion #9**

- Mr. Porter moved to enter Executive Session to confer with the Attorney General's Representative on matters of possible and pending or imminent court action pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(3), of the Ohio Revised Code. Ms. Embry seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:  
Dr. Ward-Gravelly: yes; Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Dr. Kukula: yes; Ms. Leppla: yes; Mr. Porter: yes.

The motion carried.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 2:46P.M. and invited the Board staff to remain in attendance, along with Assistant Attorney General Melissa L. Wilburn.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 3:30 P.M.*

*Discussion of student permit holder's continued.*

The Board directed the Executive Director to advise Mr. Staffilino of the following:

- The Board believes that the language in OAC section 4753-10-03(C) is clear and requires that minimum supervision of the student permit holder's will consist of 25% direct supervision of treatment activities and must be in real time and must never be less than 25% of the student permit holder's total contact with each client or patient and must take place periodically through out the experience;
- The Board will acknowledge that Mr. Staffilino needs additional time to comply with OAC section 4573-10-03(C);
- As a result, the thirty-four (34) student permit holder applications would be reviewed and approved consistent with the previous interpretation of OAC section 4573-10-03(C);
- The Board will seek the assistance and guidance of the Assistant Attorney General to determine how to move forward with review of the next group of student permit applications to insure that the integrity of 4753-10-03(C) is maintained.
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#### **LICENSURE APPROVAL – Dr. Levenfus**

**A. License Review****Motion #10**

Dr. Levenfus moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on March 16, 2009, April 1, 2009 and April 15, 2009. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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| <b>Conditional Speech-Language Pathology</b> |
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**March 16, 2009**

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| Yusuf Mohammed | Albustanji | COND 2009140 |
| Ashley Blake   | Doutt      | COND 2009141 |

**April 1, 2009**

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| Katerina | French | COND 2009142 |
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**April 15, 2009**

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| Anne Katherine | Hoffmann | COND 2009143 |
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**Motion #11**

Dr. Levenfus moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on March 16, 2009, April 1, 2009 and April 15, 2009. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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| <b>Speech-Language Pathology</b> |
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**March 16, 2009**

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| Jessica Marie  | Schneider    | SP 9300 |
| Tina Marie     | Coleman      | SP 9301 |
| Michaelyn Ann  | Butcher      | SP 9302 |
| Amy C.         | Tolson       | SP 9303 |
| Natalie Anne   | Miles        | SP 9304 |
| Elizabeth Anne | Wullschlager | SP 9305 |
| Stephanie      | Ward         | SP 9306 |
| Amy Marie      | Manzella     | SP 9307 |
| Alisa Renee    | White        | SP 9308 |
| Jaclyn Marie   | Schmiesing   | SP 9309 |
| Erica L.       | Spink        | SP 9310 |
| Tzipora        | Sonnenschein | SP 9311 |
| Erin Rebecca   | Rymarczyk    | SP 9312 |
| Janell Marie   | Rando        | SP 9313 |
| Miranda Dawn   | Pack         | SP 9314 |

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| Amanda Nicole   | Patterson | SP 9315 |
| Kelley J.       | Manning   | SP 9316 |
| Ashley Kristen  | Kerns     | SP 9317 |
| Megan Marie     | Hauser    | SP 9318 |
| Schea Nicole    | Fissel    | SP 9319 |
| Jacqueline Joan | Bilancini | SP 9320 |
| Angela          | Becka     | SP 9322 |
| Jessica Jo      | Lee       | SP 9323 |

**April 1, 2009**

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| Matthew J.       | Brown      | SP 9321             |
| Howard           | Goldstein  | SP 9324             |
| Camilya Anne     | Siever     | SP 9325             |
| Jane Smallwood   | Conklin    | SP 9326             |
| Dianna Lynn      | Mendenhall | SP 9327             |
| Julie Ann        | Beam       | SP 9328             |
| Jennifer Ashley  | Rubin      | SP 9329             |
| Lisa Hope        | Milman     | SP 9330             |
| Christine Marie  | Zanni      | SP 9331             |
| Cynthia A.       | Applegate  | SP 9332             |
| Julie Ann        | Esposito   | SP 9333             |
| Megan Denise     | Pack       | SP 9334             |
| Michele Lee      | George     | SP 9335             |
| Emily Elizabeth  | Cunningham | SP 9336             |
| Christa Danielle | Baker      | SP 9337             |
| Rachel Margaret  | Jansen     | SP 9338             |
| Beth Ellen       | Goerlitz   | SP 9339             |
| Danielle L.      | Smetzer    | SP 9340             |
| Hannah K.        | Hawke      | SP 9341             |
| Paula Denise     | Smarra     | SP 9342             |
| Amy C.           | Haught     | SP 5127 Relicensure |

**April 15, 2009**

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| Susan Michelle | Brown        | SP 9343 |
| Ariel C.       | Favorite     | SP 9344 |
| Rebecca Anne   | Kral         | SP 9345 |
| Reva           | Swadron      | SP 9346 |
| Shannon R.     | Spivery      | SP 9347 |
| Nicole Alaine  | Thompson     | SP 9348 |
| Kimberly Grace | O'Brien      | SP 9349 |
| Christofaris   | Christofaris | SP 9350 |
| Loni Corinne   | Burke        | SP 9351 |
| Maureen Ann    | Quinn        | SP 9352 |

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| Dawn Marie      | Corrigan | SP 9353             |
| Maja Jolanta    | Heyduk   | SP 9354             |
| Carolyn Rae     | Geary    | SP 9355             |
| Lauren Marie    | Zarzycki | SP 9356             |
| Mary Catherine  | Mans     | SP 9357             |
| Jodi Marie      | Guilfu   | SP 9358             |
| Amy Elizabeth   | Paradiso | SP 8321 Relicensure |
| Kelley Michelle | Yaworski | SP 9359             |

## B. Aide Applications

### Speech-Language Pathology Aides

#### Motion #12

Ms. Embry moved to approve the application for speech-language pathology aide, number **SLP Aide 030509-2, Joni Venet**, which was tabled on March 5, 2009 for *Clarification of Duties*. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Audiology Aides

#### Motion #13

Dr. Kukula moved to approve the application for audiology aide, Number **AUD Aide 011309-1, Rhonda Ward**, which was tabled on January 13, 2009, due to *Supervisor Not Licensed in Ohio*. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Motion #14

Dr. Kukula moved to withdraw Motion #13 until the Board reviews the application for Ms. Ward's supervisor, application Number **AUD 050109-3**, see Motion #19. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Motion #15

Dr. Kukula moved to approve the application for audiology aide, Number **AUD Aide 030509-1, Roberta Schroeder**, which was tabled on March 5, 2009, for *Clarification of Duties*. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Motion #16

Dr. Kukula moved to approve the application for a supervisor change, in audiology aide Number **AUD Aide 050109-1, Angela Centrullo**. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## C. Applications

### Audiology Applications

#### Motion #17

Dr. Kukula moved to approve the application for Waiver of ETS Praxis Examination, in audiology, Number **AUD 050109-2, Dianne K. Popik**. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Motion #18**

Dr. Kukula moved to approve the application for Waiver of ETS Praxis Examination in audiology, Number **AUD 050109-3, Anthony Miltch, II, Ph.D.** Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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| <b>Audiology Aides</b> |
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#### **Motion #19**

Dr. Kukula moved to approve the application for audiology aide, Number **AUD Aide 011309-1, Rhonda Ward**, which was tabled on January 13, 2009, due to *Supervisor Not Licensed in Ohio, see Motion #18*. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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| <b>Student Permit</b> |
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None

#### **Licensing Summary**

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|-----------------|-------------|
| SLP             | 5661        |
| AUD             | 887         |
| Conditional SLP | 173         |
| Permit          | 33          |
| AUD Aide        | 63          |
| SLP Aide        | 16          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>6833</b> |

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Rules Committee – Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

- The Board tabled the Rules Committee report until the next meeting on June 15, 2009.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board tabled the following correspondence until the next Board meeting on June 15, 2009.

- A. Karen Hibbard (E-mail) – Certified Special Education Teacher  
ORC 4753.01 Definition (A)(B)(C), ORC 4753.02 Unauthorized Practice

- B. Laurie Nastas (E-mail) – Sales Tax  
ORC 4753 N/A
- C. Vitoria Wilkinson - Duplication of Services  
OAC 4753-9-01 (B)(1)(d)(i)(ii) - Code of Ethics
- D. Shirley Fors - Over The Counter (OTC) Hearing Device  
ORC 4753 N/A
- E. Karen Tessler - Licensure clarification regarding qualification for licensure  
OAC 4753-3-05 (A)(7),(B) - Student clinical experience requirements for applicants in audiology applying for licensure with at least a master's degree or equivalent obtained prior to January 1, 2006 and for speech-language pathologists.
- F. Christina Janatovich - Requirement to supervise graduate students externship  
OAC 4753-3-05 (J)(1-3) - Student clinical experience requirements for applicants in audiology applying for licensure with at least a master's degree or equivalent obtained prior to January 1, 2006 and for speech-language pathologists.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Fiduciary Training - *Tabled*
- B. National Counsel of State Boards of Speech Pathology and Audiology (NCSB) -  
*Tabled*
- C. Discussion to consider breaking down OAC 4753-3-10 (E)(2) (Exempt practice; renewal) into four parts for the RE-LICENSURE process – *Tabled*
- D. Discussion for Conditional Reports - *Tabled*

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

1. Proposed Board Policies and Procedures

#### **Motion #20**

Mr. Porter moved to approve Board Policy and Procedure Section: 01-16 – Board Minutes. This policy permits either the Board Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson and the Executive Director or a staff designee to sign the Board minutes. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Motion #21**

Mr. Porter moved to approve Board Policy and Procedure Section: 06-08 – Access to Confidential Personal Information. This policy is in response to, HB 648, enacted as section 1347.15 of the Ohio Revised Code 4753, requiring all state agencies to adopt rules, polices and procedures that regulate employees access to confidential personal information kept by the agency. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional discussion: Dr. Ward-Gravelly and/or Dr. Helene Levenfus would like to be granted the authority to affix their signature for the missing signatures on previous Board minutes.

### **Motion #22**

Mr. Porter moved to grant Dr. Ward-Gravelly and/or Dr. Helen Levenfus the authority to affix her signature for the missing signatures on previous Board minutes. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Unfinished business items from morning session – *Tabled*
3. SLP case load in schools

Ms. Barb Conrad and Ms. Ann Slone, who were in attendance during the discussion of the Student Permit issue, returned to the meeting for the discussion of speech-language pathologists' caseloads in the schools. During this discussion the following was noted:

- The current caseload is 80 students.
- The current caseload is not an accurate measurement of the amount of work required to complete each case.
- The Occupation Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board's caseload is 50.
- The Ohio Department of Education's Speech Language Pathologists' caseload for preschoolers is 50.
- Teachers who take on extra students get paid for each extra student. Speech-language pathologists do not receive compensation for additional cases.
- Chapter 4753 does not state that it is unethical to have a caseload of 80 or more.

The Board thanked Ms. Conrad and Ms. Slone for their comments and will revisit this issue in the future.

4. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) membership for Executive Director and other memberships for the Board

The Board discussed the possibility of having membership to a variety of professional organizations. Dr. Kukula mentioned membership to the American Academy of Audiology.

### **Motion #23**

Mr. Porter moved to approve memberships to ASHA for the Executive Director, Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) for the Board, and the National Counsel of

State Boards of Speech Pathology and Audiology (NCSB). Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #24**

Mr. Porter moved to approve a new policy to have the Executive Director and either the Board Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson sign the Board minutes. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEMBER CONCERNS**

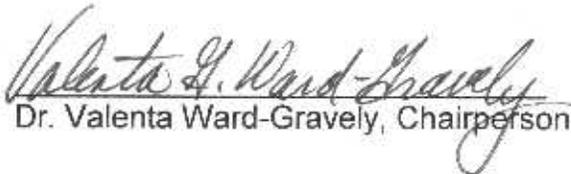
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #25**

Ms. Leppla moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Embry seconded the motion.

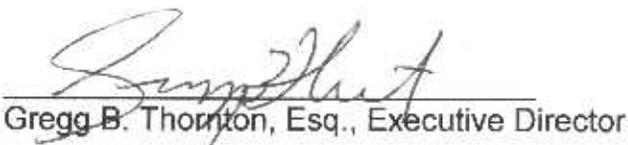
The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 P.M.

  
Dr. Valenta Ward-Gravely, Chairperson

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Dr. Helene Levenfus, Vice Chair

6/15/09  
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Gregg B. Thornton, Esq., Executive Director

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