



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

**Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 17, 2011**

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairperson, Helene Levenfus, Au.D., held at Vern Riffe Center for Government, 77 South High St., 31<sup>st</sup> Floor-West B & C, Columbus, OH 43215.

**Board Members:**

Helene Levenfus, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Chairperson  
Loretta T. Embry, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member and Vice Chairperson  
Jane M. Kukula, Au.D., Audiology Board Member  
Patricia L. Leppla, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member  
Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., Audiology Board Member  
Malcolm J. Porter, Public Member (Arrival at 10:30 a.m.)  
Amy K. Thorpe, M.Ed., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

**Also Present:**

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director  
Michelle Cunningham, Licensing Administrator  
Darlene D. Young, Administrative Assistant  
Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator  
Melissa L. Wilburn, Assistant Attorney General (Arrival at 11:45 a.m.; excused at 1:30 p.m.)

**OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no comments from the public or professional organizations.

**AGENDA**

The agenda for the May 17, 2011, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed. The following amendments were made: the Assistant Attorney General's report will be moved to approximately 11:30 a.m.

**Motion #1**

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 17, 2011 board meeting were reviewed.

**Motion #2**

Ms. Embry moved to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2011 board meeting. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Levenfus extended a warm welcome to everyone in attendance at the meeting. Since the last board meeting, there have been more opportunities to observe the operations of the board office. She noted that progress continues to be made in all areas and appreciates the cohesiveness among the staff.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

- Reported on significant meetings, presentations, and events;
  - March 17 – Meeting with the OMNIE SLP Advisory Group
  - March 18 – Board presentation at the Ohio Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Conference. Mr. Thornton also thanked board members and staff who attended the awards luncheon where he accepted an award of appreciation on behalf of the Board.
  - March 24 – Budget testimony before the House Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education.
  - April 12 – University presentation at Ohio State University to SLP graduate students.
  - April 13 – University presentation with Akron University via Illuminate for SLP and AUD graduate students.
  - April 20 – University presentation at Cleveland State University to SLP graduate students.
  - April 27 – Meeting with the workgroup on Sale of Hearing Aids via the Internet.
  - April 28 – Investigative Review Group meeting.
  - May 3 – University presentation at University of Cincinnati to SLP graduate students.
  - May 4 – Budget testimony before the Senate Finance Committee.
  - May 6 – Meeting with the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Subcommittee.
- Reported on the Board's expenditures and revenue for FY2011;

- Updated the Board on significant legislation;
  - HB2 - Requires performance budgeting by most state agencies and performance audits of those agencies
  - HB81 – Requires performance budgeting
  - HB96 – Dyslexia
  - HB153 – Biennial Budget
  - HB169 – Professional Licenses
  - SB2 – Regulatory Reform
  - SB4 – Performance audits of state agencies
  - SB5 – Collective Bargaining Reform
  - SB11 – Government Regulation Process
  - SB28 – Telemedicine Services Coverage Under Medicaid
  - SB123 – Ohio eLicense Center Website – reporting of specialty areas
- Updated the Board on personnel matters;
- Reported that the spring quarter eNewsletter will be distributed at the end of May and feature a tribute to public board member, Paul Good, who passed away on February 28, 2011;
- Updated the Board regarding the status of filling the public member board vacancy;
- Updated the Board on the status of the Ohio Department of Education student caseload request for proposal to address caseload ratios for speech-language pathologists and audiologists working in school settings;
- Updated the Board regarding the workgroup’s progress regarding the sale of hearing aids via the Internet;
- Updated the Board on the status of the Medicaid Billing issue for conditional license holders. The Board issued a position statement to the Ohio Department of Education, Medicaid School Program and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services addressing their concerns about the status of the conditional license. In addition, the Board is awaiting a formal opinion from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office on whether the conditional license is equivalent to the licensure requirements recognized by the Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services as being eligible to provide services for which reimbursement will be sought;
- Updated the Board on the status of the Executive Director’s annual performance evaluation.

*The Board recessed for five minutes at approximately 10:40 a.m.*

## **INVESTIGATIONS**

### **A. Executive Session**

#### **Motion #3**

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

*The Board went into Executive Session at 10:51 A.M. and invited the Board staff to remain in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 11:30 A.M.*

## **B. Board Actions**

### **2010-24**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist that billed for services they did not render. The Respondent worked for an in care home health facility and traveled to dementia patients homes to provide speech therapy services. The Respondent was employed for 9 months. During their last two months of employment, before resignation, the Respondent had billed for 25 different appointments that involved 9 patients, yet did not provide the services. The Respondent admitted to this falsification verbally to their former supervisor and to the Board Investigator. The Respondent claimed that lack of sleep and stress in their life contributed to these actions. They also claimed that another reason they did this was to meet the employer's productivity requirements. The Respondent asked that the Board know that they are remorseful. They currently work in a skilled nursing facility for long term care. They have been licensed since 2007.

**Accordingly the Investigative Review Group (IRG) recommends the following:**

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- Complete 15 continuing education hours: 5 hours in the area of ethics, 5 hours in the area of documentation and record keeping and 5 hours in the area of billing.
- Submit proof of these 15 hours 90 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.
- Complete 10 additional continuing education hours each year during the suspension. These 50 hours shall be specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology.
- Submit proof of these 50 hours as follows: 10 hours due June 22, 2012, 10 hours due June 22, 2013, 10 hours due June 22, 2014, 10 hours due June 22, 2015 and 10 hours due June 22, 2016.
- If reinstatement of the license is not sought immediately following the 5 year suspension, when ready, the Respondent shall apply to the Board for reinstatement and comply with the terms of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4753-3-09 and 4753-3-11.

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement in case 2010-24. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

### **2011-24**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist that submitted their Supervised Professional Experience Report (Report) and Supervision Contacts Log (Log) late by 132 days. An Amended Plan was not submitted however a written explanation was received of

why the experience went beyond the Supervised Professional Experience Plan (Plan) approved ending date. This individual received their speech-language pathology license on 11/1/2010.

**Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:**

Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Complete 10 continuing education hours in the area of documentation and record keeping.
- Submit proof of these 10 hours 90 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.

**Motion #4**

Ms. Thorpe moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-24. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

**2011-45**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist that submitted their Report and Log late by 117 days. The experience went beyond the Plan approved end date. An Amended Plan was submitted. The Report and Log for the Amended Plan were received on time. This individual received their speech-language pathology license on 12/1/2010.

**Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:**

Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Complete 10 continuing education hours in the area of documentation and record keeping.
- Submit proof of these 10 hours 90 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.

**Motion #5**

Ms. Embry moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-45. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

**2011-47**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who submitted their Report and Log late by 259 days and did not have an Amended Plan on file. This individual received their speech-language pathology license on 12/1/2010.

**Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:**

Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Complete 10 continuing education hours in the area of documentation and record keeping.
- Submit proof of these 10 hours 90 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.

**Motion #6**

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-47. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

### **2011-82**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who submitted their Report and Log late by 90 days. This individual received their speech-language pathology license on 2/15/2011.

#### **Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:**

Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Complete 10 continuing education hours in the area of documentation and record keeping.
- Submit proof of these 10 hours 90 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.

### **Motion #7**

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-82. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

### **2011-91**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist that renewed late and practiced for 52 days while their license was expired. The Respondent supervised two conditional licensees and billed during that time. The conditional licensees' Plans were adjusted accordingly. Billing issues were resolved. Due to renewing late, the Respondent was audited for continuing education hours for the 2010 renewal period and complied.

#### **Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:**

Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Suspend for 52 days, staying half (26 days); suspension will be served on weekends, holidays, or designated days off.
- Complete 5 continuing education hours in the area of ethics, 5 hours in the area of documentation, record keeping and billing, and 5 hours in the area of supervision.
- Submit proof of these 15 hours 90 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.
- Audit for continuing education hours for one renewal cycle.

### **Motion #8**

Ms. Thorpe moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation as amended in case 2011-91. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus and Dr. Kukula abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

### **2011-92**

This case involves a conditional speech-language pathologist that practiced for 26 days after their conditional license expired. A cease practice letter was issued. The Respondent applied for a second conditional license which expires on 9/3/2012.

#### **Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:**

Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Complete 5 education hours in the area of ethics, and 5 education hours in the area of documentation and record keeping.
- Submit proof of these 10 hours 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.

### **Motion #9**

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-92. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

### **2011-96**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist that renewed late and practiced for 53 days while their license was expired. There were no billing issues. Due to renewing late, the Respondent was audited for continuing education hours for the 2010 renewal period and complied.

#### **Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:**

Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Suspend for 53 days, staying half (26.5 days); suspension will be served on weekends, holidays, or designated days off.
- Complete 5 continuing education hours in the area of ethics, and 5 hours in the area of documentation and record keeping.
- Submit proof of these 10 hours 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.
- Audit for continuing education hours for one renewal cycle.

### **Motion #10**

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-96. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

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

<b>OPENED</b>	Cases since the last Board Meeting 3/17/2011	10
<b>CLOSED</b>	Cases since the last board meeting 3/17/2011	12
<b>Referrals</b>	Of total open cases	16
<b>TOTAL Open</b>	After Closing Cases Today	38

#### **Of the cases currently open:**

Aide changed supervisors but no application filed	0
Ceu Audit issues	0
Conviction applications	2
Deceased (verified)	0
Denied Refund	1

Falsified Records/Unethical	3
Late Plan (or none)	0
Late Report and Log (or none)	7
Late Plan, Report and Log	0
Misleading Advertisement	9
Misrepresentation (Other)	0
No Plan on file	0
Other	1
Public Records Request	0
Re-licensure application ceu review	1
Renewal application issue (ceu's not completed by 12/31/2010)	1
Restoration application review ceu's	0
Supervision of an Aide termination, did not notify Board	1
Unlicensed Practice	10
Unprofessional	2

### Continuing Education Audit

The following have been audited for continuing education for the 2010 renewal period:

	<b>Audited</b>	<b>CEUs Received</b>	<b>Reviewed/ Complied</b>
▪ Random AUD, 5%	39	37	7
▪ Random SLP, 5%	246	232	35
▪ Late Renewals 1/1/11 – 3/8/11	112	97	14
▪ Consents	17	16	7
▪ Reprimand	1	1	0
▪ Other	2	2	0
▪ Yes to 1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal	6	6	6
▪ AUD Board Members	3	3	3
▪ SLP Board Members	3	3	3
▪ Late Renewals after 3/8/11	11	10	1

### 2<sup>nd</sup> CEU Audit Notice Letters mailed, 5/4/2011

Late Renewals	13
Randoms, Consents	20

### Letters to Employers of Expired License

For licensee's that renewed late and admitted to practicing while their license was expired, Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-3-10(B), the Board is required to report this occurrence to the licensee's employer and further report that any practice after expiration of the license is a violation of 4753.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Letters mailed 5/9/2011: 33

The Board will resume Investigations - Board Actions for Case No. 2010-24 after conference with the Assistant Attorney General.

**LICENSURE APPROVAL – Ms. Embry****A. License Review****Speech-Language Pathology****Motion #11**

Ms. Embry moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on April 1, 2011, April 15, 2011, May 2, 2011, and May 16, 2011. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**April 1, 2011**

Janea	Burrow	SP.7728 (Relicensure)
Jeffrey	Scott	SP.9933
Nicole	Garofalo	SP.9934
Kara	Miller	SP.9935
Susan	Johnson	SP.9936
Lauren	Bernard	SP.9937
Allison	Fenner	SP.9938
Melissa	Volk	SP.9939
Katelyn	Holliday	SP.9940
Kara	Schultz	SP.9941
Ashly	Keeling	SP.9942
Ashly	Hulin	SP.9943
Emily	Hornack	SP.9944
Kallie	Aleshire	SP.9945
Lindsay	Stoff	SP.9946
Stacey	Peterson	SP.9947
Beth	Vanfossen	SP.9948
Jenna	Skeens	SP.9949
Crysten	Skebo	SP.9950
Brianne	Allen	SP.9951
Erin	Upp	SP.9952
Charles	Paul	SP.9953
Allison	Harris	SP.9954

**April 15, 2011**

Holly	Segel	SP.2669 (Relicensure)
Mallory	Doup	SP.9956
Anna	Mulloy	SP.9957
Nicole	Bass	SP.9958
Sean	Vornhagen	SP.9959
Amy	Rickards	SP.9960

Kelly	Dietrich	SP.9961
Laura	Coughlin	SP.9962
Brittany	Kerschler	SP.9963
Jaime	Hannan	SP.9964
Megan	Barber	SP.9965
Sara	Tamburro	SP.9966
Amanda	Kinnamon	SP.9967
Melissa	MacConnell	SP.9968
Jennifer	Parker	SP.9969
Jill	Reinarts	SP.9970
Sydney	Hammer	SP.9971
Katlyn	Myers	SP.9972

**May 2, 2011**

Rebekah	Miller	SP.9973
Kristen	Vogelsang	SP.9974
Amanda	Niehaus	SP.9975
Megan	Groomes	SP.9976
Ashley	Lombardo	SP.9977
Virginia	Oliver	SP.9978
Kristen	Workman	SP.9979
Bridgid	Chmielowiec	SP.9980
Allison	Greene	SP.9981
Jessica	Rolfes	SP.9982
Morgan	Pledger	SP.9983
Sarah	Meredith	SP.9984
Kimberly	Bradley	SP.9985
Stephanie	Silber	SP.9986
Carli	Patton	SP.9987

**May 16, 2011**

Anne	Davalla	SP.4453 (Relicensure)
Amanda	Kraus	SP.9988
Jenna	Aubuchon	SP.9989
Melissa	Hanna	SP.9990
Susanna	Ramxey	SP.9991
Meghan	McBurney	SP.9992
Jessica	Jones	SP.9993
Brian	Fisher	SP.9994
Maegan	Sommers	SP.9995
Erin	Bjarnason	SP.9996
Matthew	Hagge	SP.9997

Heather	Bauer	SP.9998
Carolyn	McChesney	SP.9999

<b>Audiology</b>
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**Motion #12**

Ms. Embry moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on April 1, 2011, April 15, 2011, May 2, 2011, and May 16, 2011. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**April 1, 2011**

Bridgett	Alcorn	A.01766
Brittany	Roth	A.01767

**April 15, 2011**

None

**May 2, 2011**

None

**May 16, 2011**

None

<b>Conditional Speech-Language Pathology</b>
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**Motion #13**

Ms. Embry moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on April 1, 2011, April 15, 2011, May 2, 2011, and May 16, 2011. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**April 1, 2011**

Kristin	Kvaka	COND.2010144 (Second)
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**April 15, 2011**

Lisa	Landes	COND.2011188
Laura	Brust	COND.2011189
Sarah	Trace	COND.2011190

**May 2, 2011**

Jaclyn	Benkofske	COND.2011191
Marci	Caryer	COND.2011192
Angela	Kopras	COND.2011193

Sarah	Derga	COND.2011194
Ella	Brody	COND.2011195
Katelyn	Poock	COND.2011196
Audre	Mallinak	COND.2011197
Tracy	Clark	COND.2011198
Erin	Mayhaus	COND.2011199
Jayna	Rupp	COND.2011200
Samantha	Schaurer	COND.2011201
Melanie	Sabo	COND.2011202

**May 16, 2011**

Michelle	Urkowitz	COND.2011203
Nicole	Moran	COND.2011204
Sarah	Maloney	COND.2011205
Janda	Vest	COND.2011206
Allison	Jonas	COND.2011207
Stacey	Verhoff	COND.2011208
Margaret	Stroney	COND.2011209
Carolyn	Charnesky	COND.2011210
Lyndsey	Moreo	COND.2011211
Valerie	Martin	COND.2011212
Amy	Lagzdins	COND.2011213
Suzanne	Kress	COND.2011214
Jodi	Maag	COND.2011215
Jonelle	Diefenthaler	COND.2011216
Brett	Bumbico	COND.2011217
Kyra	Schloenbach	COND.2011218
Leanne	Grisa	COND.2011219
Laurel	Workman	COND.2011220
Kelynn	Miller	COND.2011221
Marianne	Bernadsky	COND.2011222
Katherine	Frey	COND.2011223
Natalie	Jackson	COND.2011224
Kelly	Nieberding	COND.2011225
Leah	Siekemeyer	COND.2011226
Kelsey	Snyder	COND.2011227
Lauren	Lantz	COND.2011228
Rachael	Levi	COND.2011229
Heather	Ream	COND.2011230
Krista	VanDruten	COND.2011231
Emily	Zamora	COND.2011232
Andrea	Vantaggi	COND.2011233

**LICENSING SUMMARY**

Speech-Language Pathologist	5899	
Audiologist	905	
Inactives	133	(AUD 25 / SLP 108)
Conditional SLP	295	
Permit Holders	41	
SLP-Aide	10	
AUD-Aide	60	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7343</b>	

**B. Applications for Review****Audiology Aides****Motion #14**

Dr. Kukula moved to approve the application for Audiology Aide, number **Aide AUD 05172011-1**. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Kukula abstaining.

**Motion #15**

Dr. Kukula moved to approve the application for Audiology Aide, number **Aide AUD 05172011-2**. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Licensure Applications**

There are no additional complete applications that are pending for blind review.

**C. Special Licensure Issues**

There are no special licensure issues requiring review.

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT****EXECUTIVE SESSION****Motion #16**

Ms. Embry moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing issues with the Attorney General's Representative on matters of pending or imminent court action pursuant to 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. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Dr. Kukula: yes; Ms. Leppla: yes; Dr. Mitchell: yes; Mr. Porter: yes; Ms. Thorpe: Yes.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 12:20 P.M. and invited Board staff to remain in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 12:45 P.M.*

## **INVESTIGATIONS** - Continued

The Board resumed Board Actions under Investigations.

### **A. Executive Session**

#### **Motion #17**

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

*The Board went into Executive Session at 12:47 P.M. and invited the Board staff to remain in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 1:15 P.M.*

### **B. Board Actions**

#### **2010-25**

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### **Motion #18**

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement in case 2010-24. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

*The Board recessed for lunch at 1:30 P.M. and returned to Public Session at 2:15 p.m.*

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

#### A. Office Configuration

Mr. Thornton reported that the State Architect's Office is assisting the Board with the design for an additional work station and replacement of dilapidated office furniture.

#### B. Annual Conference – National Council of State Boards for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Mr. Thornton presented information about the annual conference sponsored by the National Council of State Boards for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB). The board member training and conference will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada from October 13-15, 2011. Program information was not yet available from NCSB's website. Mr. Thornton will contact NCSB to obtain information about the conference theme and specific issues that will be addressed at the conference this year. The Board will review this information at the June board meeting and determine whether board members and the Executive Director should attend the conference this year.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### A. Rules Committee – Ms. Loretta Embry

Ms. Embry reported that the Rules Committee will meet immediately following the board meeting. The committee agenda was presented and everyone was invited to attend the meeting. The committee plans to finalize a proposed rule addressing the university verification letter. The committee will submit its final recommendation to the board at the June meeting.

**B. Professional Competency Committee – Dr. Jane Kukula**

Dr. Kukula reported that the Professional Competency Committee met yesterday evening and reviewed proposed changes for the continuing education requirements. The purpose of these changes is to ensure licensees are demonstrating continued competency in their area of licensure. Dr. Kukula reported that the committee plans to submit a final recommendation to the Board at the June board meeting. The committee's final recommendation would then be referred to the Rules Committee.

**C. Policy and Procedures Committee – Mr. Malcolm Porter and Ms. Patricia Leppla**

Mr. Porter and Ms. Leppla reported that the Policy and Procedures Committee will not be submitting final recommendations to the Board regarding changes or updates to policies and procedures until the fall. Mr. Thornton stated that he intends to distribute changes and updates to the committee for the first batch of policies and procedures by the next board meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed correspondence that the Executive Director handled since the last board meeting after consultation with the Board Chairperson and other board members. The Board appreciated the research and responsiveness Mr. Thornton provides to each inquiry. The Board had discussion after reviewing one of the inquiries, which was related to the impact local budget cuts in school districts may have on the delivery of speech-language pathology and audiology services.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION****Motion #19**

Dr. Kukula 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. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:

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

*The Board went into Executive Session at 2:39 P.M. and invited Mr. Thornton to remain in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 2:45 P.M.*

**MEMBER CONCERNS**

Dr. Kukula expressed concerns about the impact funding issues will have on the availability of speech and audiology services in school districts across the state.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

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Dr. Helene Levenfus, Chairperson

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Ms. Loretta Embry, Vice Chair

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Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

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