



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

Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, June 22, 2011

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:35 A.M. by Chairperson, Helene Levenfus, Au.D., held at Vern Riffe Center for Government, 77 South High St., 31st Floor-East B, Columbus, OH 43215.

Board Members Present:

Helene Levenfus, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Chairperson
Loretta Embry, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member and Vice Chairperson
Patricia Leppla, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Malcolm Porter, Public Member
Amy Thorpe, M.Ed., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Jane Kukula, Au.D., Audiology Board Member
Karen Mitchell, Au.D., Audiology Board Member

Also Present:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director
Michelle Cunningham, Licensing Administrator
Darlene Young, Administrative Assistant
Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator
Melissa L. Wilburn, Assistant Attorney General

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There were no comments from the public or professional organizations.

AGENDA

The agenda for the June 22, 2011, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

Ms. Thorpe moved to accept the agenda as submitted. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

Motion #2

Ms. Embry moved to accept the minutes of the May 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. She acknowledged that this is a busy time of year for the board due to the typical increase of licensure applications following spring graduations. She thanked the board staff for their continued hard work. Dr. Levenfus also thanked Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Loretta Embry, for recently covering the Chairperson's responsibilities.

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: absent; Ms. Leppla: yes; Dr. Mitchell: absent; Mr. Porter: yes; Ms. Thorpe: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. and invited the Board staff to remain in attendance, along with Assistant Attorney General Melissa L. Wilburn, Esq.

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:55 a.m.

B. Board Actions

2008-32

This case involves a company that sells and fits hearing aids. The company distributed advertisements alleging that they offer "free thorough audiological evaluations." The company does not employ an audiologist. Advertisements continued to be monitored. A Cease and Desist was issued. A response letter was received from the Chief Operating

Officer (C.O.O.) claiming they felt their advertisement was not in violation of Chapter 4753. Their website was then found to be in violation of the Cease and Desist. A second Cease and Desist was issued. A response letter was received from the C.O.O. making the same claim. To this date the website still shows language stating, "Free thorough Audiological Evaluations."

Accordingly the Investigative Review Group (IRG) recommends that the Attorney General's Office pursue appropriate action for injunctive relief for violation of Chapter 4753.01(D).

Motion #4

Ms. Embry moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2008-32. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

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 person obtained speech-language pathology licensure on 11/1/2010. At the May 17, 2011 board meeting, the Board accepted the IRG's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms:

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

- *Complete 10 hours of continuing education 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.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement received via fax pending receipt of original signed by the Respondent and close the case.

Motion #5

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

2011-34

This case involves a speech-language pathologist that worked in a rehabilitation facility. They submitted for billing for two patients, over a period of two days, yet service was not provided. The Respondent truly thought they provided service to the two patients, however later realized that the service could not have been provided because one patient had been discharged and the other patient had passed away. The Respondent was terminated from employment for the discrepancies. The discrepancies were discovered by the Respondent's supervisor just prior to actual billing, via a computer 'screen shot', of services that were

about to be billed. The Respondent expressed being under much stress, the week of the discrepancies, and was dealing with their own health issues. The Respondent is very remorseful and submitted a letter explaining their stress and health issues, implying that to be the cause for not thinking clearly that week. As a result, two mistakes were made.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:

- Offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:
 - Suspend for 1 year, staying all but 7 days.
 - Following the suspension, place on probation for 3 years.
 - During probation, complete 10 hours of continuing education in the area of billing and documentation and record keeping. Submit proof of the hours 90 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.
 - During the probationary period the following terms must be met:
 - No violations of Chapter 4753
 - No misdemeanors
 - No felonies
 - Violation to the terms of probation will result in additional disciplinary action under Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Motion #6

Ms. Thorpe moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-34. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

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 person obtained speech-language pathology licensure on 12/1/2010. At the May 17, 2011 board meeting, the Board accepted the IRG's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms:

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

- *Complete 10 hours of continuing education 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.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement received via fax pending receipt of original signed by the Respondent and close the case.

Motion #7

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

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 person obtained speech-language pathology licensure on 12/1/2010. At the May 17, 2011 board meeting, the Board accepted the IRG's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms: *Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:*

- *Complete 10 hours of continuing education 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.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement and close the case.

Motion #8

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

2011-82

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who submitted their Report and Log late by 90 days. This person obtained speech-language pathology licensure on 2/15/2011. At the May 17, 2011 board meeting, the Board accepted the IRG's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms:

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

- *Complete 10 hours of continuing education 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.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement and close the case.

Motion #9

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

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. At the May 17, 2011 board meeting, the Board accepted the IRG's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms:

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, on weekends and holidays.*
- *Complete 5 hours of continuing education in the area of ethics, and 5 hours in the area of documentation and record keeping 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.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement and close the case.

Motion #10

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

2011-92

This case involves a speech-language pathologist that practiced for 26 days after their conditional license expired. A cease practice letter was issued. This person obtained speech-language pathology licensure on 6/15/2011. At the May 17, 2011 board meeting, the Board accepted the IRG's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms:

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

- *Complete 5 hours of continuing education 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.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement received via fax pending receipt of original signed by the Respondent and close the case.

Motion #11

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

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. At the May 17, 2011 board meeting, the Board accepted the IRG's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms:

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, on weekends and holidays.*
- *Complete 5 hours of continuing education 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.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement and close the case.

Motion #12

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

2011-99

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who applied for re-licensure in February of 2011. Their license was revoked in 1997 for not complying with the 1996 Continuing Education Audit. Question #12 of the re-licensure application asked, "Have you ever had a license to practice any business activity or profession denied, suspended, or revoked?" The Respondent answered "No." They had not practiced in the field of speech-language pathology since 1987. At the March 17, 2011 board meeting, the Board voted to deny the application and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing or offer a Consent Agreement. Negotiations were made by the IRG and the following terms and conditions apply to the Consent Agreement:

- *The Respondent's application for reinstatement shall be granted in accordance with the following terms and conditions:*
 - *Complete 10 hours of continuing education within 12 months from the date the board approves the Consent Agreement. The hours shall be specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology and obtained through conferences, seminars or workshops. Proof of the hours shall be submitted to the Board office no later than July 31, 2012.*
 - *Once the Respondent gains employment, complete a one year mentorship program with their employer, being supervised face to face as follows:*
 - *First quarter 25% direct supervision; second quarter 20% direct supervision; third quarter 15% direct supervision; fourth quarter 10% direct supervision.*
 - *Not more than 2 weeks after the end of each quarter, a Report and Log shall be submitted to the Board office verifying the completion of supervision. The supervisor's evaluation should be documented on the Board's report and log for supervised professional experience.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.
Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement received via fax pending receipt of original signed by the Respondent and close the case.

Motion #13

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-99. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

C. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry

OPENED	Cases since the last Board Meeting 5/17/2011	18
CLOSED	Cases since the last board meeting 5/17/2011	18
Referrals	Of total open cases	13
TOTAL Open	After Closing Cases Today	30

Of the cases currently open:

Aide changed supervisors but no application filed	0
Ceu Audit issues	6
Conviction applications	0
Deceased (verified)	0
Denied Refund	0
Falsified Records/Unethical	3
Late Plan (or none)	0
Late Report and Log (or none)	4
Late Plan, Report and Log	0
Misleading Advertisement	5
Misrepresentation (Other)	0
No Plan on file	0
Other	3
Public Records Request	0
Re-licensure application ceu review	0
Renewal application issue (ceu's not completed by 12/31/2010)	0
Restoration application review ceu's	0
Supervision of an Aide termination, did not notify Board	1
Unlicensed Practice	6
Unprofessional	2

CEU Audit

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

	Audited	CEUs Received	Reviewed/ Complied
▪ Random AUD, 5%	39	39	21
▪ Random SLP, 5%	246	244	122
▪ Late Renewals 1/1/11 – 3/8/11	112	109	17
▪ Consents	17	16	7
▪ Reprimand	1	1	0
▪ Other	2	2	0
▪ Yes to 1 st Renewal	6	6	6
▪ AUD Board Members	3	3	3
▪ SLP Board Members	3	3	3
▪ Late Renewals after 3/8/11	14	11	1

2nd CEU Audit Notice Letters mailed, 5/4/2011		CEU's Received
Late Renewals	13	10
Randoms, Consents	20	18

LICENSURE APPROVAL – Ms. Embry

A. License Review

Speech-Language Pathology

Motion #14

Ms. Embry moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on June 1, 2011, June 15, 2011 and June 17, 2011. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

June 1, 2011

Patricia	Green	SP.4977
Stacy	Nawrocki	SP.7842
Maura	DeMilt	SP.10000
Jocelyn	Woodrum	SP.10001
Sarah	Ellis	SP.10002
Janet	Guin	SP.10003
Erin	Dillon	SP.10004
Gregory	Crawfprd	SP.10005
Erin	Kibler	SP.10006
John	Pearson	SP.10007
Trisha	Ray	SP.10008
Tara	Vehorn	SP.10009
Christopher	McLachlan	SP.10010
Ashley	Cox	SP.10011

Tina	Adams	SP.10012
Mallory	Bates	SP.10013
Danielle	DeLuca	SP.10014
Elizabeth	Rose	SP.10015
Danielle	Smith	SP.10017
Dayna	Vivacqua	SP.10018
Travis	Cooper	SP.10019
Angela	Estes	SP.10020
Jillian	Hazelbaker	SP.10021
Ann	Flanigan	SP.10022
Maria	Houston	SP.10023
Stacey	Koenigsfeld	SP.10024
Allison	DeJak	SP.10025
Tiffany	Thacker	SP.10026

June 15, 2011

Gwendolyn	Klamut	SP.10016
LaTrisha	Deaton	SP.10027
Ayana	Goolsby	SP.10028
Julie	Pool	SP.10029
Pamela	Floyd	SP.10030
Amanda	Bader	SP.10031
Becky	Unverferth	SP.10032
Alicia	Clore	SP.10033
Sharon	Sullivan	SP.10034
Mary	Litke	SP.10035
Elizabeth	Lucarelli	SP.10036
Laura	Twilling	SP.10037
Erin	Reedy	SP.10038
Brandy	Sydnor	SP.10039
Crystal	Bates	SP.10040
Jessica	Hanson	SP.10041
Stephanie	Tyson	SP.10042
Carolyn	Sebourn	SP.10043
Tiffany	Kaiser	SP.10044
Megan	Miller	SP.10045
Thomas	Walsh	SP.10046
Michelle	Houts	SP.10047
Ashley	Singer	SP.10048
Emily	Tocco	SP.10049
Karen	Goske	SP.10050

Carrie	Boyd	SP.10051
Brooke	Steele	SP.10052
Alyson	Heiney	SP.10053
Becki	Anderson	SP.10054
Sarah	Gaugler	SP.10055
Caitlin	O'Neill	SP.10056
Maryanne	Holbert	SP.10057
Jessy	Burns	SP.10058
Jillian	Fortkamp	SP.10059
Tela	McCullough	SP.10060
Shelley	May	SP.10061
Meredith	Pollitz	SP.10062
Benjamin	Coon	SP.10063
Lesley	Wickham	SP.10064
Kimberly	Wade	SP.10065
Susan	Synold	SP.10066
Angelica	Garskie	SP.10067
Maggie	Case	SP.10068
Jenna	Rayburn	SP.10069
Elizabeth	Dritt	SP.10070
Elizabeth	Galloway	SP.10071
Edward	Foster	SP.10072
Meredith	Baron	SP.10073
Renee	Warren	SP.10074
Mary	Fuertges	SP.10075
Hayley	Arnold	SP.10076

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Jessica	Talbott	SP.10078
Stacy	Cole	SP.10079
Kaitlyn	Stevenson	SP.10080

Audiology

Motion #15

Ms. Embry moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on June 1, 2011 and June 15, 2011. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

June 1, 2011

Jori	Weingarten	A.01768
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Holly	Williams	A.01769
Andrew	Mahaffey	A.01770

June 15, 2011

Jane	Bachman	A.01771
Ashley	Myeress	A.01772
Jessica	Prewitt	A.01773
Kayla	Cerar	A.01774
Elizabeth	Miller	A.01775

Conditional Speech-Language Pathology**Motion #16**

Ms. Embry moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on June 1, 2011, June 15, 2011, and June 17, 2011. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

June 1, 2011

Allison	Sidwell	COND.2011234
Amanda	Young	COND.2011235
Emily	Hiler	COND.2011236
Julie	Rader	COND.2011237
Caitlin	Del Medico	COND.2011239
Sibyl	Williams	COND.2011240
Brittany	Kearney	COND.2011241
Hawra	Aljawad	COND.2011242
Dana	Murphy	COND.2011243
Briana	Corcoran	COND.2011244
Abigail	Zollman	COND.2011245
Bonnie	Oskowski	COND.2011246
Abbie	Miller	COND.2011247
Lora	Grove	COND.2011248
Elizabeth	Brady	COND.2011249
Shelby	Wiedt	COND.2011250
Kari	Sandkuhl	COND.2011251
Brittany	Bachman	COND.2011252
Megan	Knapke	COND.2011253
Valerie	Scharf	COND.2011254
Katherine	Lennon	COND.2011255
Jamie	Doster	COND.2011256
Terri	Mavrakis	COND.2011257
Ann	Feltis	COND.2011258

Lauren Miller COND.2011259

June 15, 2011

Abigail Nimtz COND.2011260
Amy Didier COND.2011261
Geraldyn Hussell COND.2011262
Stephanie Nagle COND.2011263
Lindsey Tamulonis COND.2011264
Jamie Goddard COND.2011265
Alison Cross COND.2011266
Alyssa Miller COND.2011267
Allison Flynn COND.2011268
Leia Greathouse COND.2011269
Heather Costa COND.2011270
Amy Dougan COND.2011271
Erin Doughty COND.2011272
Mariah Hulsey COND.2011273
Jessie Hoffman COND.2011274
Jenae Wolf COND.2011275
Jayde Gater COND.2011276
Kelly Hoying COND.2011277
Ryan Hanson COND.2011278
Sonya Kapoor COND.2011279
Brooke Clement COND.2011280
Jenae Feichtner COND.2011283
Jenna Kaehler COND.2011284
Claire Miller COND.2011285
Erin Clark COND.2011286
Alison Burkhart COND.2011287
Tracey LoPresto COND.2011288
Lynsey Potts COND.2011289
Karolyn Cyprych COND.2011290
Jenna Kramer COND.2011291
Molly Hylton COND.2011292
Melissa Bornstein COND.2011293

June 17, 2011

Sarah Currier COND.2011281

LICENSING SUMMARY

Speech-Language Pathologist	5977	
Audiologist	915	
Inactives	133	AUD 25 / SLP 108
Conditional SLP	285	
Permit Holders	32	
SLP-Aide	10	
AUD-Aide	60	
TOTAL	7413	

B. Applications for Review**Audiology Aides****Motion #17**

Dr. Levenfus moved to propose to deny the application for Audiology Aide, number **Aide AUD 06222011-1** for inappropriate duties listed on the Plan. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion was tabled pending further clarification.

Motion #18

Dr. Levenfus moved to approve the application for Audiology Aide, number **Aide AUD 06222011-2**. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #19

Dr. Levenfus moved to approve the application for Audiology Aide, number **Aide AUD 06222011-3**. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Licensure Applications

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

Special Cases

There are no special cases requiring review.

C. Licensure Report

Board Business Agenda Item D (Student Permit Supervision Requirements) was moved up for discussion.

1. Student Permit Applications

Ms. Cunningham reported that all 37 student permit applications expected have been received. An issue has arisen with regard to supervision of permit holders. The Board has received 2 inquiries regarding the acceptability of intern supervisors who do not have a minimum of 24 months of clinical experience in the past 60 months under an SLP license.

Supervision of student permit holders is addressed under Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-10-03(A). After discussion, the Board determined that licensed SLPs supervising student permit holders should meet the same qualification requirements as those required of SLPs supervising conditional licensees completing their professional experience year. Supervisors of conditional licensees must have a minimum of twenty-four months of clinical experience as a licensed speech-language pathologist. The Board asked Assistant Attorney General Wilburn for legal input. Ms. Wilburn advised the Board that OAC section 4753-10-03(A) would have to be amended to change the qualifications for supervisors over student permit holders. Dr. Levenfus referred this matter to the Rules Committee for further action.

2. Amending Application to ASHA Waiver Upon Completion of the Professional Experience

Ms. Cunningham updated the Board of the issue of some conditional licensees amending their application to ASHA waiver pursuant to R.C. section 4753.08(D). Assistant Attorney General Wilburn also reviewed this matter further since the May board meeting. Ms. Wilburn stated that the Board would have to amend R.C. section 4753.08(D) to require a conditional licensee to submit their final report and supervision contacts log, rather than becoming licensed as an SLP by showing current ASHA CCC-SLP certification. The Board will review this issue again at the strategic planning meeting in January 2012. Mr. Thornton stated that the office will start tracking how often this scenario occurs and report the number of instances at the strategic planning meeting.

3. Change of Name

Ms. Cunningham reported that currently name changes are accepted without requiring submission of a certified record of the name change. After discussion, Dr. Levenfus referred this matter to the Rules Committee for further action.

BOARD BUSINESS – OLD BUSINESS

A. Office Configuration

Mr. Thornton updated the Board on the status of the office reconfiguration. He reported that written estimates were obtained for equipment and furniture to improve the efficiency of board operations. After review of the quotes and purchase orders, the Board took the following action.

Motion #20

Ms. Embry moved to approve purchase order numbers SPE-101 through SPE-109 for office equipment and furniture. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #21

Ms. Leppla moved to authorize the Executive Director to approve purchase orders necessary before the August board meeting, using available FY2011 funds, for the installation and reconfiguration of the board office. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS – NEW BUSINESS

B. ETS – Praxis Audiology Test

Mr. Thornton reported that the Board was recently notified by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) in New Jersey that the praxis test for audiology will be regenerated. Mr. Thornton met with an ETS representative about the new test. ETS will administer the current audiology test in July. ETS will release a report to all licensure boards across the country in September with the recommended passing score. The new audiology test will be administered in November and be on different scoring scale of 100 to 200. After the Board receives ETS' report in September, the Board will determine the new passing score to become a licensed audiologist in Ohio. Mr. Thornton reported that the new test will necessitate amending a few existing rules related to the examination requirements. Dr. Levenfus referred this matter to the Rules Committee for further action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Rules Committee – Ms. Loretta Embry

Ms. Embry updated the Board on the status of a number of rules being considered for 2011 and indicated that the next step is to file proposed rules with the Joint Committee of Agency Rule Review (JCARR). The next Rules Committee meeting will be immediately following the board meeting on August 12, 2011.

Motion #22

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Rules Committee's report and recommendation and authorize the Executive Director to proceed with filing proposed rules with JCARR. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion #23

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. and invited Board staff to remain in attendance.

The Board returned to Public Session at 11:45 a.m.

Ms. Wilburn reported that the Attorney General Formal Opinion addressing the status of the conditional license will be finalized by the end of August.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Updated the Board on the status of the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) student caseload ratio project for speech-language pathologists and audiologists working in school settings. The Board also received an update regarding the proposed bill that is being pursued by the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Associations, and Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board. Last year, the Board voted to support this proposed legislation. The workgroup met for the first time this year in June. Mr. Thornton reported that the workgroup has a legislative sponsor and plans to introduce the bill in the fall. The Board reviewed and discussed additional changes that the workgroup was considering. The Board directed Mr. Thornton to share the Board's feedback with the workgroup regarding the new proposed changes. The Board will continue to support the legislative efforts being pursued by the workgroup, and support ODE's caseload ratio project.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and returned to Public Session at 1:25 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

Mr. Thornton resumed his Executive Director's report after the lunch recess. He provided updates regarding:

- Reported on significant meetings, presentations, and events;
- Reported on the Board's year-to-date revenue and expenditures, noting that expenditures for FY2011 are within budget;
- Reported on any media contacts;
- Reported the number of license verification letters issued since the last meeting;
- Reported any approved leave or reimbursements for the Executive Director;
- Updated the Board on significant legislation;
- Updated the Board on personnel matters;
- Reported that the spring quarter eNewsletter was distributed on June 1, 2011;
- Updated the Board regarding the status of filling the public member board vacancy;
- 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;
- Updated the Board on the preliminary data collected during licensure renewal for work settings:

Summary of Work Settings

Work Settings for Audiology	Count - AUD
College or University – Academic/Faculty/Research	44
Community Center (i.e. Speech & Hearing Centers)	27
Federal Governmental Agency	54

Government Agency (city, county or state)	18
Health System/Hospital-Based/Outpatient Facility/Clinic	185
Industry (hearing aid mfrs., industrial testing)	32
Medical Office / ENT Office	197
Other	77
Private Practice	193
Rehabilitation Center	8
School (Preschool/Primary/Secondary)	62
Skilled Nursing Facility/Long-Term Care/Assisted Living	11
Grand Total	908

Work Settings for Speech-Language Pathology	Count - SLP
College or University – Academic/Faculty/Research	149
Community Center (i.e. Speech & Hearing Centers)	94
Federal Governmental Agency	21
Government Agency (city, county or state)	139
Health System/Hospital-Based/Outpatient Facility/Clinic	792
Home Health Agency	90
Industry (hearing aid mfrs., industrial testing)	3
Medical Office / ENT Office	13
Other	327
Private Practice	304
Rehabilitation Center	172
Research Center	1
School (Preschool/Primary/Secondary)	2885
Skilled Nursing Facility/Long-Term Care/Assisted Living	842
Grand Total	5832

BOARD BUSINESS – OLD BUSINESS (Continued from morning session)

C. Annual Conference – National Council of State Boards for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB)

The Board tabled any board action for this item until the August board meeting. The Board will review the conference materials, topics, and available funds to determine whether it will attend the NCSB conference this fall.

BOARD BUSINESS – NEW BUSINESS (Continued from morning session)

D. Student Permit Supervision Requirements

The Board moved this agenda item to the Licensure Report for discussion.

E. 4th Year AUD Clinical Externship – Clarification of Status of Applicant for AUD Licensure Upon University's Conferring of Au.D. Degree

The Board tabled this agenda item until the August board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Professional Competency Committee – Dr. Jane Kukula

Mr. Thornton submitted the committee report on behalf of Dr. Kukula. He reported that the committee is nearly finished with final recommendations for changes to the continuing education requirements. The committee will meet on August 11, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Porter and Ms. Leppla reported that the committee is the process of reviewing the first batch of policies. The committee developed a plan for reviewing policies on a monthly basis. The committee determined that it would prefer to review policies in hard copy format. The review process will not be completed until some time in 2012. The committee will meet at the end of 2011 to recommend policies that are ready for board action.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence that the Executive Director responded to since the last board meeting after consultation with the Board Chairperson and other board members.

The Board also reviewed general correspondence submitted by Lisa Green, SP. 8077 and directed Mr. Thornton to respond back.

MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no member concerns expressed during the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Helene Levenfus, Chairperson

Ms. Loretta Embry, Vice Chair

Date

Date

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date