



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

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 6, 2013

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairperson, Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, held at Vern Riffe Center for Government, 77 South High St., 31st Floor- Board Room, Columbus, OH 43215.

Board Members Present:

Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member and Chairperson
Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., Audiology Board Members and Vice Chairperson
Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, ABA, FAA, Audiology Board Member
Loretta T. Embry, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Malcolm J. Porter, Public Member
Elizabeth L. Tracy, Public Member

Also Present:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director
Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator
Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Excused Absence:

Helene Levenfus, Au.D., Audiology Board Member

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There were no open forum comments from public or professional organizations.

AGENDA

The agenda for the August 6, 2013, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the agenda as submitted. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 11, 2013 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion #2

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2013 board meeting. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. Thorpe Wiley extended a warm welcome to everyone in attendance. She thanked the Board's Investigator, Connie Stansberry and the Board's Administrative Professional, Brandy Thomas for their hard work on the licensure verification project at the end of this fiscal year. She also thanked Ms. Thomas and the Board's Executive Office Administrator, Darlene Young for their efficiency and timeliness in processing licensure applications. Ms. Thorpe Wiley thanked Mr. Thornton for his continued leadership in moving the Board forward.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Significant meetings, presentations, and events;
- Final revenue and expenditures for FY2013 and year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2014;
- Number of license verification letters issued since the last meeting, including a summary of license verification letters issued during FY2013;
- Significant legislation;
- Status of the Internet Hearing Aid Sales Workgroup;
- An update regarding the minimum data set questions proposed by the Ohio Department of Health;
- Replacement of the Ohio eLicense system;
- Status of the statewide VoIP telecommunications system;
- Status of board appointments;
- Status of the audit being conducted by the State Auditor's Office for FY2012-2013;
- An update regarding the Third Grade Reading Guarantee

LICENSURE APPROVAL – Dr. Karen Mitchell**A. License Review**

Speech-Language Pathology

Motion #3

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on June 17, 2013, June 24, 2013, July 1, 2013, July 15, 2013, and August 1, 2013. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

June 17, 2013

SP-10871-	Amy L. Riegler
SP-10872-	Emily Anne Schmetzer
SP-10873-	Anna Bacot Snyder
SP-10874-	Lauren Elizabeth Notario
SP-10875-	Danielle Mary Rogers
SP-10876-	Carol Lynn Struewing
SP-10877-	Stephanie Lorraine McGarrell
SP-10878-	Margo M. Graler
SP-10879-	Tara R. Carr
SP-10880-	Tiffany Amber Chaboudy
SP-10881-	Meredith Hunt
SP-10882-	Lauren Tabak Kacenga
SP-10883-	Beth Kristine Kanitz
SP-10884-	Katelyn Laureen Klag
SP-10885-	Michael Ray Hale
SP-10886-	Angela L. Burnett
SP-10887-	Abigail Ann Cary
SP-10888-	Summer Ciarra Corrai
SP-10889-	Andrea Marie DeRoia
SP-10890-	Megan Marie Lang
SP-10891-	Theresa C. Eppley
SP-10892-	Rebecca Lynn Spencer
SP-10893-	Jennifer Miller Matson
SP-10894-	Erin Michelle Murphy
SP-10895-	Katijo Anne Makin
SP-10896-	Jennifer Lynn Place
SP-10897-	Leigh Elizabeth Spoden
SP-10898-	Navid Masoudi
SP-10899-	Catherine Rose Sheridan
SP-10900-	Angela Lynn Morman
SP-10901-	Jenna Nicole Petz
SP-10902-	Rhonda J. Sims
SP-10903-	Kristine Faith Wigginton
SP-10904-	Chelsea Marie Toops
SP-10905-	Brittany Jo Seaman
SP-10906-	Autumm Lynn Simpson

SP-10907-	LuAnn Stuckey	
SP-10908-	Suzanne Marie Smith	
SP-10909-	Kristin Marie Uland	
SP-10910-	Nichole Kay Morman	
SP-10911-	Jenna Leigh Belden	
SP-9265-	Lauren E. Wallick	relicensure

June 24, 2013

SP-10912-	Jeannine Ann Brigger
SP-10913-	Jamie Darcia Alexander
SP-10914-	Rose Marie McAuley
SP-10915-	Morgan Kathleen Donnellan
SP-10916-	Nicole Kathleen Broomfield
SP-10917-	Christine M. Alaimo
SP-10918-	Jacqueline Ann Lucas
SP-10919-	Kayla Marie Barrett
SP-10920-	Melissa A. Farrow
SP-10921-	Rachael Mae Freeman
SP-10922-	Rebecca Marie Kontonickas
SP-10923-	Rachel Marie Lawson
SP-10924-	Jennifer Ann Cain
SP-10925-	RyAnn Marie Heller
SP-10926-	Dayna Rae Amos
SP-10927-	Kimberly Ann Berring
SP-10928-	Courtney Morgan Cole
SP-10929-	Sarah E. Baidel
SP-10930-	Amanda Jo Folkening

July 1, 2013

SP-10931-	Kelly J. Schaller
SP-10932-	Danielle Marie Pecchia
SP-10933-	Caroline Anne Noeth
SP-10934-	Rachel E. Reuss
SP-10935-	Melanie Joyce Wollam
SP-10936-	Judith Ann Reichert
SP-10937-	Tracey Leigh Metzger
SP-10938-	Lauren Ann Wright
SP-10939-	Michael Christian McMaken
SP-10940-	Emma Mae Stuckey
SP-10941-	Kristin D. Smith
SP-10942-	Rachel Anne McConnell

SP-10943-	John Patrick Tillotson
SP-10944-	Tina Louise Seink
SP-10945-	Jenna Sgalia Perrotta
SP-10946-	Emily Ann Sutcliffe
SP-10947-	Danielle Elyse Shelton
SP-10948-	Christal Vuich
SP-10949-	Lindsey Kay Smith
SP-10950-	Lauren Nichole Makiaris
SP-10951-	Melissa Dawn Massery
SP-10952-	Meridith C. Redd
SP-10953-	Lindsey A. Reed
SP-10954-	Maran Schmitt
SP-10955-	Meghan E. Mosier
SP-10956-	Michelle Lynn Wintering
SP-10957-	Sarah M. Letsky
SP-10958-	Jennifer Lyn Isaac
SP-10959-	Kristina T. Skinner
SP-10960-	Laura Carol Chase
SP-10961-	Leslee Genae Boyd
SP-10962-	Christine Elizabeth Szymanski
SP-10963-	Tracy M. Velickoff
SP-10964-	Carolyn Suzanne Costic
SP-10965-	Emily Jane Bretelson
SP-10966-	Sarah Nicole Backus
SP-10967-	Emma Kaitlin Gallagher
SP-10968-	Kathleen Rose Keenan
SP-10969-	Alyssa Rose Austin
SP-10970-	Allison Rae Lohse
SP-10971-	Liza J. Hirsch
SP-10972-	Brittany Marie Hayden
SP-10973-	Staci Ann Gorcheff
SP-10974-	Tessa M. Bobst
SP-10975-	Holly Elizabeth Emmons
SP-10976-	Megan J. Embrey
SP-10977-	Leslie Elizabeth Kokotek
SP-10978-	Martha Brianne Hardesty

July 15, 2013

SP-10979-	Carrie Michelle Koesters
SP-10980-	Cara Eileen Colak
SP-10981-	Melissa Alison Hardesty

SP-10982-	Alissa Ann DeJovine
SP-10983-	Megan Elizabeth Earle
SP-10984-	Alyssa Marie Klausing
SP-10985-	Caitlin Marie Harman
SP-10986-	Jordon Elizabeth Gliem
SP-10987-	Erin E. Kranz
SP-10988-	Mary Catherine Boettcher
SP-10989-	Christina A. Busuttill
SP-10990-	Allison Leigh Trent
SP-10991-	Erica L. Ohler
SP-10992-	Ashley Christine Marguglio
SP-10993-	Nichole Lynn Woeckener
SP-10994-	Natalie Rose Wombacher
SP-10995-	Sarah Jane Ingle
SP-10996-	Megan Marie Gasper
SP-10997-	Carleen Zelma Watkins
SP-10998-	Matthew Gregory Galpert
SP-10999-	Trina Elaine Ard
SP-11000-	Teresa Jeanette Price
SP-11001-	Jeannine Marie Danis
SP-11002-	Lindsay Rae Fields
SP-11003-	Sarah C. Cicconetti

August 1, 2013

SP-11004-	Erika Lee Mangan
SP-11005-	Hanna Rachel Trapp
SP-11006-	Amber Nicole Phillips
SP-11007-	Cassie L. Wilhelm
SP-11008-	Maureen McQuaide Ethridge
SP-11009-	Hannah Elizabeth Hange
SP-11010-	Amanda Michelle Kulka
SP-11011-	Brooklynn Alexandra Pursley
SP-11012-	Meghan Beirne Mingee
SP-11013-	Anne Marie Bilgo
SP-11014-	Anna D. Delaney
SP-11015-	Tanisha A. Groberg
SP-11016-	Jessica Lynn Gregg
SP-11017-	Nicole Fontenot Bernard
SP-11018-	Caroline Colligan Gerds
SP-11019-	Alicia Nichole O'Neill
SP-11020-	Allison D. Bromley

SP-11021-	Karen Perta
SP-11022-	Nicole A. Dominish
SP-11023-	Kelsey Ann Kreemer
SP-11024-	Andrea Mary Germaine Baxter Cortes
SP-11025-	Marissa Carmella Braunscheidel

Audiology

Motion #4

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on June 17, 2013, July 1, 2013, July 15, 2013, and August 1, 2013. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

June 17, 2013

A-01855-	Kara Bechtold
A-01858-	Katie Elizabeth Raciboski

July 1, 2013

A-01859-	Jonas N. Allooh
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July 15, 2013

A-01860-	Crystal Mae Manninen
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August 1, 2013

A-01861-	Megan Maire Currie
A-01862-	Stacy Renee Wintrow
A-01863-	Kathryn Leigh Cisler
A-01864-	Lauren Lee Thomas
A-01865-	Robert James Isphording
A-01866-	Alicia Renee Hixson

Conditional Speech-Language Pathology
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Motion #5

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Conditional licenses granted by the Executive Director June 17, 2013, June 24, 2013, July 1, 2013, July 15, 2013, and August 1, 2013. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

June 17, 2013

COND-2013323-SP	Samantha Marie Bombeck
COND-2013324-SP	Jennifer Louise Cencula
COND-2013325-SP	Katie Marie Johnstone
COND-2013326-SP	Rebecca Blair Niner
COND-2013327-SP	Jessica Marie Massa
COND-2013328-SP	Jenna Marie Wolf
COND-2013329-SP	Emily Suzanne Hebbeler
COND-2013330-SP	Tathiane Paiva
COND-2013331-SP	Michelle Lin Coffaro
COND-2013332-SP	Sarah Elizabeth Uddstrom
COND-2013333-SP	Jenna Ellyn Manz
COND-2013334-SP	Kimberly Renee Ogden
COND-2013335-SP	Amy N. Nypaver
COND-2013336-SP	Lindsay DeAnn Dolan
COND-2013337-SP	Jenna McCabe
COND-2013338-SP	Christine Michelle Wojciak
COND-2013339-SP	Heather K. Schario
COND-2013340-SP	Allison Elizabeth Fifolt
COND-2013341-SP	Molly Elizabeth McManus
COND-2013342-SP	Morgan Richelle Leigh Albert
COND-2013343-SP	Sarah Diane Gabbard
COND-2013344-SP	Kristina Hope King
COND-2013345-SP	Bethany Lynn Schreiner

June 24, 2013

COND-2013346-SP	Jacqueline T. Vitale
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July 1, 2013

COND-2014001-SP	Amy Lynn Minnig
COND-2014002-SP	Nicole Ashley Dupont
COND-2014003-SP	Stephanie Marie Bowman
COND-2014004-SP	Adam Cody Grzybowski
COND-2014005-SP	Melissa Renee Humphrey

July 15, 2013

COND-2014006-SP	America Jean Salyers
COND-2014007-SP	Jane Elizabeth Stricker
COND-2014008-SP	Rachel Lyn Schlarb
COND-2014009-SP	Lauren Kathleen Coster

COND-2014010-SP Stephanie Ann Hartman
 COND-2014011-SP Samantha Marie Mattar

August 1, 2013

COND-2014012-SP Sheryl Lynn Franz
 COND-2014013-SP Laura Lee Van Antwerp
 COND-2014014-SP Lynn Marie Susong
 COND-2014015-SP Taylor Lenore Olvey
 COND-2014016-SP Allison Nicole Stepp
 COND-2014017-SP Tamra Lynn Schetter
 COND-2014018-SP Rachel Ann Beil
 COND-2014019-SP Julie Ann Wilkinson
 COND-2014020-SP Carly Marie Voellmecke
 COND-2014021-SP Christine M. Kreisler
 COND-2014022-SP Angela M. Tillinghast
 COND-2014023-SP Gloriner Miller
 COND-2014024-SP Lynn Anne Smallwood
 COND-2014025-SP Michele Darlene Bowers
 COND-2014026-SP Jennifer Lauren Ash
 COND-2014027-SP Elizabeth J. Wallbrown
 COND-2014028-SP Angela Salese Micheli
 COND-2014029-SP Chasity Nicole Deavers
 COND-2014030-SP Rebecca Christine Vortkamp
 COND-2014031-SP Nyssa Erin Flick
 COND-2014032-SP Karen Leigh Kesterholt
 COND-2014033-SP Lauren Elizabeth Ford
 COND-2014034-SP Kelly Ann Woodrow Cindric

Student Permits

None

LICENSING SUMMARY

Speech-Language Pathologist	6521
Audiologist	954
Inactives AUD / SLP	26/161
Conditional SLP	287
Permit Holders	28

SLP-Aide	8
AUD-Aide	67
TOTAL	8052

B. Applications for Review

Audiology Aides

None

Speech-Language Pathology Aides

None

Licensure Applications

None

Special Applications

None

INVESTIGATIONS

A. Executive Session

Motion #6

Ms. Thorpe Wiley 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: Ms. Brown: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Dr. Levenfus: absent; Dr. Mitchell: yes; Mr. Porter: yes; Ms. Tracy: yes; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. and invited the Board staff to remain in attendance, along with Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Esq.

The Board returned to Public Session at 11:19 a.m.

B. Board Actions

2011-99

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who was issued a Consent Agreement effective June 22, 2011. The terms of her Consent Agreement were to complete a one year mentorship being supervised by a licensed speech-language pathologist at her place of employment. Face to face supervision was to occur at different percentages, of the hours she worked, each quarter, followed by a Report/Log signed by her supervisor attesting to the duties observed of the Respondent. The Respondent was also required to complete 10 continuing education hours within 12 months from the date the board approved the Consent Agreement. The continuing education hours and quarterly reports were received and her mentorship ended October of 2012. Due to only having worked part-time and for a total of 184 hours over the course of her one year mentorship, an Addendum to her 2011 Consent Agreement was offered. The terms of her Addendum are as follows:

- Accumulate 1,080 additional hours of employment;
- The 184 hours worked during her one year mentorship may be applied towards the 1,080 hours;
- Any hours worked after her mentorship ended, and up until the Board approves her Addendum, may also be applied towards the 1,080 hours;
- Submit quarterly supervision reports verifying that 10% of the hours worked *after the approval of her Addendum* are direct face to face supervision;
- The terms must be completed within 18 months from the approval of the Addendum.

The Respondent agreed to the terms and signed her Addendum to her 2011. Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends the Board accept the Respondent's signed Addendum to her 2011 Consent Agreement. If she accumulates the 1,080 hours prior to the eighteenth month, the Addendum will terminate upon proof submitted to the Board that the Respondent has satisfied the 1,080 hours.

Motion #7

Ms. Embry moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation is case 2011-99. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

2012-130

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who provided unprofessional services, to a child, from her home office. The parents of the child alleged that therapy might not have been rendered for the entire 45 minutes of each or some of the 43 sessions; only one session was there proof (an audio recording) that the Respondent attended to other matters not related to therapy during some of the session. The Respondent listened to the audio during her investigative interview and admitted to performing unprofessional acts during one 45 minute session. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure November 2002. At the May 8, 2013 board meeting, the Board accepted the Investigative Review Groups recommendation to issue a Consent Agreement based on unprofessional conduct in the practice of speech-language pathology. *The Consent Agreement stated the following facts and offered the following terms and conditions:*

- *Taking a call during the first 6 minutes of therapy;*
- *Listening to a voice messages during therapy;*
- *Talking to her husband (in person) during therapy about billing for a different client;*

- *Viewing her computer for personal information during therapy;*
- *Letting her dogs in/out during therapy;*
- *Allowing her husband to interact with the client, during therapy:*
 - *The Respondent shall be reprimanded;*
 - *The Respondent shall complete 10 continuing education hours in the area of professionalism and ethics;*
 - *The Respondent shall submit proof of the 10 hours 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.*

The Respondent agreed to the terms and signed the Consent Agreement. Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends the Board accept the Respondent's signed Consent Agreement and close the case.

Motion #8

Ms. Tracy moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2012-130. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. Ms. Thorpe Wiley abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

2012-137

This case involves an audiologist who provided audiology services to patients while under the influence, and over the legal limit, of alcohol. She obtained audiology licensure December 2004. A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to the Respondent; she requested a hearing. An administrative disciplinary action hearing was held at the May 8, 2013 board meeting. At the June 11, 2013 board meeting, the Board modified the attorney hearing officer's report and recommendation issued on May 14, 2013. An Adjudication Order was issued and mailed to the Respondent on June 20, 2013. She did not appeal the order but did submit a written statement that she would agree to the terms and conditions within the order. After reviewing the letter submitted by the chemical dependency counselor, the Board wanted additional information before considering the Investigative Review Group's recommendation.

Motion #9

Ms. Embry moved to table case 2012-137 until the next board meeting on October 3, 2013. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

2013-35

This case involves an individual who is not a licensed speech-language pathologist in this state or any state. She does not have an educational background in speech therapy or a degree in communication disorders. She created an internet based business. The title of the business used words that clearly reflected speech therapy. She made claims on her website that clearly reflected the practice of speech-language pathology. The Board accepted the Investigative Review Group's recommendation to issue a Cease and Desist letter, issued on May 31, 2013, for violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4753.01(A)(B)(C), 4753.02, 4753.10(M), 4753.12(A) and 4753.99, requesting that the Respondent discontinue from the practice of speech-language pathology contingent upon review by the speech-language pathology consultant Board member. The Respondent complied with the terms of the Cease and Desist letter.

Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends the Board accept the Respondent's compliance and close the case.

Motion #10

Ms. Embry moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2013-35. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

2014-10

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who was issued a 2012 Continuing Education Audit per a Warning Letter. To date she has failed to substantiate continuing education hours upon request of the board by the deadline listed within the first, second and final audit notice letters mailed to her. The final audit notice, issued via certified mail, was returned to the board office marked, "Return to Sender, Unclaimed, Unable to Forward." The Board Investigator made several attempts to contact her. The Respondent's cell phone and home phone are not in service. An e-mail sent to her was not returned undeliverable. Her last known employer informed the Investigator that the Respondent ended employment in February of 2013. She was issued a 2012 Continuing Education Audit due to being issued a Warning Letter in 2011 for completing zero continuing education hours during the 2009-2010 licensure biennium for her 2010 Continuing Education Random Audit. She completed 20 CE hours in 2011 which were accepted and applied towards her 2010 Audit. Due to extenuating circumstances, she was issued the warning letter informing her that she would be audited for her 2011-2012 licensure biennium hours. Her third/final 2010 audit notice was also returned to the Board office marked "unclaimed." It took several attempts in 2011 for the Investigator to reach the Respondent regarding her 2010 audit. The Respondent's current licensure status is Active. She obtained her speech-language pathology licensure in May 1999. Accordingly the Investigative Review Group recommends issuing a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to reprimand, place on probation, suspend or revoke her speech-language pathology license for violation of Ohio Revised Code section 4753.10(I)(M), and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4753-3-03, 4753-3-10(C)(2)(3), 4753-4-01(D)(4)(6)(7), and 4753-9-01(B)(1)(c)(ii).

Motion #11

Ms. Embry moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2014-10. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. Ms. Thorpe Wiley abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

2014-11

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who was issued a 2012 Continuing Education Audit per a 2010 Consent Agreement. The final term of her Consent Agreement was to audit her 2011-2012 licensure biennium continuing education hours. She complied with her 2012 Audit 42 days late of the first deadline and 11 days late of the second deadline. She admitted to receipt of both audit notices and knew of the deadlines to submit her hours. She was preoccupied with a personal non-extenuating circumstance in her life, at the time of receipt of both notices, and chose to submit her hours late. She was issued her 2010 Consent Agreement for failure to comply with her 2008 Continuing Education Audit in a timely manner; she replied 209 days late and submitted 10 of the required 20 hours for her 2008 Audit. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure May 1996.

Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends the following in this case: Due to this being the Respondent's second offense, and for violation of Ohio Revised Code section 4753.10(I)(M), and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4753-4-01(D)(7) and 4753-9-01(B)(1)(c)(ii), offer a new Consent Agreement. The new Consent Agreement will offer the following terms and conditions:

- Respondent shall be reprimanded;
- Respondent shall be audited for her 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 licensure biennium continuing education hours;
- Respondent shall be informed that future violations of Chapter 4753 may result in disciplinary action in accordance with section 4753.10 of the Ohio Revised Code, including failure to respond to a board request within 30 calendar days of the request.

Motion #12

Ms. Embry moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2014-11. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

2014-13

This case involves an audiologist who was issued a 2012 Continuing Education Random Audit. The hours he submitted were not the appropriate form of documentation for continuing education. The Board Investigator had e-mail and telephone correspondences with him of appropriate documentation to submit (e.g. sponsor/provider name, date of attendance, subject of course, course title etc.). He failed to substantiate continuing education hours upon request of the board by the deadline listed within his final audit notice letter, mailed via certified mail. The letter notified him that failure to comply, by the designated deadline, may result in issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. The certified receipt was received at the Board office indicating successful delivery. E-License lists his credential and business address in a bordering state as well as he supervises five Ohio audiology aides in the same state. He obtained audiology licensure in June 1999. Accordingly the Investigative Review Group recommends issuing a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to reprimand, place on probation, suspend or revoke his audiology license for violation of Ohio Revised Code section 4753.10(I)(M), and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4753-3-10(C)(2)(3), 4753-4-01(D)(4)(6)(7), and 4753-9-01(B)(1)(c).

Motion #13

Ms. Tracy moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2014-13. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

GROUPED CASES

The next 7 cases are being grouped as:

- Late Renewal, Unlicensed Practice, First Offense

The individual summary of each case is listed at the end of the Investigative Board Action section of this report.

Cases 2014-01, 2014-02, 2014-03, 2014-04, 2014-05, 2014-06, 2014-12 involve seven speech-language pathologists who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2012 renewal deadline and under their expired license. For those who billed for services, billing has been adjusted. The number of days their licenses were expired ranged from thirty-four (34) days to two-hundred two (202) days. Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends the following in these 7 cases:

Due to this being the first offense for all Respondents, and for violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4753.02, 4753.09, 4753.10(I)(M), offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Each Respondent will be suspended for the same number of days his or her license was expired, staying half, serving suspension on designated days off (weekends, holidays etc.) commencing after the board approves their Consent Agreement;
- Each Respondent will complete 5 continuing education hours in the area of ethics and 5 hours in the area of documentation and record keeping;
- Proof of the 10 hours shall be submitted to the Board office within 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement. These 10 hours will not be applicable towards the 20 continuing education hours required for the 2013-2014 licensure biennium for renewal;
- For case numbers 2014-01 and 2014-03, Respondents will complete an open book examination, provided by the Board, related to the licensure requirements for speech-language pathology and audiology under Ohio Revised and Administrative Code Chapters 4753;
- Continuing education hours will be audited for the next two practice biennium cycles, i.e., 2013-2014 and 2015-2016.

Motion #14

Ms. Tracy moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in cases 2014-01, 2014-02, 2014-03, 2014-04, 2014-05, 2014-06, 2014-12. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

Individual cases summaries:

2014-01

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2012 renewal deadline for twenty-seven (27) days of the forty-two (42) days her license was expired. She recently obtained speech-language pathology licensure in February of 2011.

2014-02

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2012 renewal deadline for twenty-eight (28) days of the forty-one (41) days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure January 1980.

2014-03

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2012 renewal deadline for three (3) days of the thirty-five (35) days his license was expired. He recently obtained speech-language pathology licensure in June of 2012.

2014-04

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2012 renewal deadline for twenty (20) days of the thirty-four (34) days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure June 2002.

2014-05

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2012 renewal deadline for twenty (20) days of the forty-five (45) days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure August 1991.

2014-06

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2012 renewal deadline for nineteen (19) days of the thirty-eight (38) days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure March 2004.

2014-12

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2012 renewal deadline for one-hundred thirty-one (131) days, part-time, of the two-hundred two days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure June 2001.

C. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry

OPENED	Cases since the last Board Meeting 6/11/2013	13
CLOSED	Cases since the last board meeting 6/11/2013	25
TOTAL Open	After closing any cases today	41
Referrals	Of total open cases	14

Of the 41 cases currently open:

Aide Supervision- Aide changed supervisors but no application filed	
Billing Fraud/Falsified Records	1
CE Audit Issues or CE Requirement Not Met For Renewal (listed as unprofessional)	
Conviction Issue on Application or Renewal Application	
Denied Refund	
Discontinued Pursuit of Ohio Licensure (COND.) & did not notify the Board	
Fraudulent Records/Falsification (non-billing)	
Hearing Aid Refund Issue/Denied	
Hearing Test/Sale of Hearing Aids On-Line	1
Late Plan	1
Late Plan, Report and Log	

Late Report and Log (or none)	
Misleading Ad (Printed and/or Internet)	13
Misrepresentation	2
Non Compliance with Consent Agreement	
No Plan and/or Report & Log on file by Conditional license holder	
Other	1
Services Not Rendered but Fee Obtained and/or Services Not Rendered but Documented Services Provided	
Substance use and/or abuse while providing professional services	
Supervision of an Aide termination, did not notify Board	
Unethical	
Unlicensed Practice of Non-licensee	
Unlicensed Practice (practiced under Expired status) Conditional or Full Licensure	10
Unlicensed Practice (practiced under Inactive status)	
Unprofessional	13

2012 Continuing Education (CE) Audit

The following have been audited for their 2011-2012 licensure biennium CE clock hours:

	Audited	CE Received	Reviewed	Passed	Failed
Random AUD, 5%	41	40	36	33	2
Random SLP, 5%	258	257	231	217	1
Late Renewals 1/1/2013 – 1/17/2013	100	100	91	76	0
Other Late Renewals (71: all on-line after 1/17/2013 plus all paper as of 1/1/2013)					
• 56 audited for CE	56	56	53	47	6
• 15 newly licensed= No CE but audited for EVForm	15	15	15	15	0
Consent Agreements	24	24	24	22	0
Warning Letters (WL)	23	22	20	13	5
Other	7	7	7	7	0
Board Members AUD	3	3	3	3	0
Board Members SLP	2	2	2	2	0
	529	526	482	473	11

To date, of the 526 audits received, 482 have been reviewed to completeness (91% complete).

Three licensees surrendered their license in lieu of complying with their audit; all 3 were speech-language pathologists and retired. One held dual licensure.

Other Enforcement Activities**Warning Letters- Non Case Related:**

Per the Investigative Review Group Guidelines, the following warning letters have been issued since the last board meeting due to late submission, by 60 days or less, of the following paperwork. Supervisors were provided a copy of the letter that was addressed to the conditional license holder that was under their supervision:

- **Supervised Professional Experience Reports & Supervision Contact Logs** 2

Public Records Requests FY2013 - Total 32

<u>Request</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Processed</u>
Roster (e-mail & work addresses)	1	1
Disciplinary Actions	29	29
IRG Guidelines	1	1
Investigative File (Non Disciplinary Action)	1	1

Referrals to Investigations since the last board meeting:

Pending review:	Conviction Application	1
Review Completed:	Conviction Applications	2
	Late Plan 60+ days	1
	Answered "Yes" on 2013-2014 renewal application to conviction since last renewal	1

The Board took a recess at approximately 11:30 a.m. and returned to public session at 11:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Rules Committee – Ms. Loretta Embry**

Ms. Embry reported that the Rules Committee met on August 5, 2013. She reported that the Board reviewed public comments regarding four proposed rules related to a summary suspension for human trafficking convictions, audiology on staff, ethics requirement for continuing education, and waiver of fees for relicensure and restoration. The Committee is continuing to research language for a proposed rule that will clarify the term "under the influence." The Committee also reviewed the status of its strategic plan initiatives for 2013.

B. Professional Competency Committee – Dr. Helene Levenfus

Mr. Thornton submitted the minutes of the Professional Competency Committee meeting for June 11, 2013.

Motion #15

Mr. Porter moved to accept the August 5, 2013 Rules Committee minutes and June 11, 2013 Professional Competency Committee minutes. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Policy and Procedure Committee – Mr. Malcolm Porter

Mr. Porter reported that the Policy and Procedure Committee will meet on October 2, 2013, to review policies scheduled for annual review. The Committee will hold an official meeting at least once per year.

BOARD BUSINESS

A. Board Appointments – Update

Mr. Thornton updated the Board about the meeting he had with the Governor's Office regarding the board appointments for 2013. The Board anticipates having appointments made shortly after the next board meeting on October 3, 2013.

B. Request For Approval of Continuing Education Program

The Board reviewed the following requests for approval of learning activities as meeting the continuing education requirements under Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4753-4.

Continuing Education Request 1

Title: Twenty-First Annual Conference on Management of the Tinnitus Patient

Sponsor: Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Department of Speech Pathology & Audiology – The University of Iowa

Date: June 14-15, 2013

Contact Hours: 12 (Specific to the clinical practice of audiology)

Continuing Education Request 2

Title: Sensory Processing 101 for the SLP

Sponsor: Language Learning Associates

Date: June 7, 2013

Contact Hours: 1.5 (Specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology)

Continuing Education Request 3

Title: New and Dangerous Drugs

Sponsor: Collins Learning

Date: Various times during the 2013-2014 licensure biennium

Contact Hours: 2 (Related to the practice of speech-language pathology)

Motion #16

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve the following learning activities as meeting the Board's continuing education requirements: Twenty-First Annual Conference on

Management of the Tinnitus Patient Sensory Processing (12 hours) and Sensory Processing 101 for the SLP (1.5 hours). Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #17

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve the following learning activity for continuing education: New and Dangerous Drugs (two hours of continuing education related to the practice of speech-language pathology. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. NCSB Conference (Oct. 10-12, 2013)

The Board reviewed the conference agenda for the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and determined that the out-of-state travel is necessary for the proper completion of board duties and deemed to have tangible benefit because of significant board interests in related regulatory issues at the national level.

Motion #18

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved that the Board authorize the Executive Director and one board member to attend the NCSB Conference. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. OSSPEAC Conference (Oct. 20-22, 2013)

The Board was invited to present at the annual conference sponsored by the Ohio School Speech Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition. The presentation will be scheduled on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

E. NSSLHA Conference – Cleveland State University (Oct. 26, 2013)

The Board was invited to present at the annual conference sponsored by the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association at Cleveland State University.

F. Ohio Department of Education – Proposed Rule on Delivery of Services (OAC 3301-51-09)

The Board reviewed a proposed rule on delivery of services by the Ohio Department of Education. Ms. Thorpe Wiley recommended that all board members review the rule and submit any comments to Mr. Thornton.

G. Relevant Military Education for Licensure – Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation

The Board reviewed the Governor's Executive Order 2013-05K, which directs state departments, boards and commissions to take into account relevant military education. Ms. Thorpe Wiley assigned this initiative to the Professional Competency Committee. The Committee will review this issue and expects to have a report by the December board meeting.

H. Strategic Planning - Update

The Board reviewed the status of the strategic planning initiatives for 2013. After discussion, the Board determined that no significant changes were necessary to the priorities of the pending initiatives. Mr. Thornton reported that the Board was on track for completion of the majority of strategic planning initiatives by the end of this year.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence addressed by the Executive Director and the Board Chairperson since the last board meeting.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Ms. Embry expressed concern about the Ohio Department of Education Medicaid School Program’s proposal to require parent signatures on the student’s IEP in order to bill for services. She advised that she would update the Board about this issue at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Ms. Amy Thorpe Wiley, Chairperson

Dr. Karen K. Mitchell, Vice Chairperson

Date

Date

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date