



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

Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, October 12, 2011

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:32 A.M. by Chairperson, Helene Levenfus, Au.D., held at Vern Riffe Center for Government, 77 South High Street, 31st Floor – Board Room, 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
Jane Kukula, Au.D., Audiology Board Member
Patricia Leppla, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Karen Mitchell, Au.D., Audiology Board Member
Malcolm Porter, Public Member
Amy Thorpe, M.Ed., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Elizabeth Tracy, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

None

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 October 12, 2011, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 12, 2011, board meeting were reviewed.

Motion #2

Dr. Kukula moved to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2011, board meeting. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Dr. Levenfus extended a warm welcome to Ms. Elizabeth Tracy, who was recently appointed to the Board by Governor John R. Kasich. Ms. Tracy will serve the remaining public board member term held by Mr. J. Paul Good, who passed away earlier this year. Dr. Levenfus thanked Dr. Jane Kukula for her dedication and service on the board during her three year term, which ended on September 26, 2011. Dr. Levenfus presented Dr. Kukula with a plaque recognizing her service on the board for protecting Ohio's consumers and her contributions to the regulated professions. Dr. Levenfus congratulated board member, Ms. Amy Thorpe, on her recent engagement. Finally, Dr. Levenfus thanked the board staff for their hard work.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Significant meetings, presentations, and events;
- The Board's year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2012;
- The number of license verification letters issued since the last meeting;
- Significant legislation impacting the Board;
- Personnel matters;
- Reported that the fall quarter eNewsletter was distributed in September and that the winter quarter edition will be distributed in December;
- Elizabeth Tracy received new board member orientation in late August;
- The Board submitted its presentation to the Ohio School Speech Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC) for their annual conference on October 24, 2011. Ms. Embry and Ms. Leppla also will be representing the Board;
- Mr. Thornton and Ms. Embry will be attending the National Conference of State Boards of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB) annual conference in Las Vegas, NV from October 14-15, 2011.

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; Ms. Tracy: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:06 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 10:47 A.M.

B. Board Actions

2011-89

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who submitted her Supervised Professional Experience Report (Report) and Supervision Contacts Log (Log) late by 124 days. The Board Investigator (BI) had a difficult time trying to contact the Respondent to gather information regarding the late Report and Log, due to the Respondent being out of the country. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure in April of 2011. At the August 12, 2011 board meeting, the Board accepted the Investigative Review Groups (IRG) recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms and conditions: *Due to this being the Respondent's first offence, 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.*
- *Due to the high expectation to communicate promptly with the Board:*
 - *The Respondent shall cooperate with all lawful requests of the Board within 30 calendar days, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4753-9-01(B)(1)(c)(ii).*
 - *The Respondent shall notify the Board in writing when they will be out of town for an extended period of time.*

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 #4

Dr. Kukula moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-89. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

2011-97

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who practiced with an expired license for 492 days, over a period of 4.7 years, a violation of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 4753.02. During that time, she worked in a school district and held a Permanent Certificate with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). She worked from September 2006 to June of 2011. She obtained licensure in September of 1976 and her license expired on 1/1/2003.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:

Issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to propose disciplinary action.

Motion #5

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-97. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

2011-122

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who submitted her Report and Log late by 127 days. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure in August of 2011. At the August 12, 2011 board meeting, the Board accepted the IRG's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms and conditions:

Due to this being the Respondent's first offence, 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.*

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 #6

Dr. Kukula moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-122. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

2012-03

This case involves an audiologist who was issued a 2010 Continuing Education Audit Notice for renewing late for the 2011-2012 renewal period. She admitted that she did not obtain any hours during the 2010 renewal period, yet attested yes on her renewal application that she completed the hours. She did not practice while her license was expired for 131 days. For the audit, the Board received proof of 32 hours, of continuing education, completed between 5/26/2011 – 6/6/2011, all completed on-line. At the August 12, 2011 board meeting, the Board accepted the IRG's recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms and conditions:

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

- *Complete 5 hours of continuing education in the area of record keeping and 5 hours in the area of ethics.*
- *Submit proof of these 10 hours 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.*
- *Of the 32 hours submitted with the audit, 20 of the 32, and the above 10 hours, cannot be used towards the 2011-2012 renewal period.*

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 #7

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2012-03. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

2012-08

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who was issued a 2010 Continuing Education Audit Notice for renewing late for the 2011-2012 licensure period. She complied with the continuing education portion of the audit; however, she practiced with an expired license for 25 of the 72 days.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:

Due to this being the Respondent's first offence, and for violating ORC Section 4753.02, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Suspend for 72 days, staying half, commencing on designated days off.
- 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 the next 2 renewal cycles.

Motion #8

Ms. Thorpe moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2012-08. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

2012-12

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who was issued a 2010 Continuing Education Audit Notice for renewing late for the 2011-2012 licensure period. She complied with the continuing education portion of the audit; however, she practiced with an expired license for 47 of the 73 days. She worked in a school district while her license was expired.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:

Due to this being the Respondent's first offence, and for violating ORC Section 4753.02, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Suspend for 73 days, staying half, commencing on designated days off.
- 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 the 10 hours 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.
- Audit for continuing education hours for the next 2 renewal cycles.

Motion #9

Ms. Embry moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2012-12. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

2012-15

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who was issued a 2010 Continuing Education Audit Notice for renewing late for the 2011-2012 licensure period. She complied with the continuing education portion of the audit; however, she practiced with an expired license for 30 of the 80 days. She worked in a school setting while their license was expired.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:

Due to this being the Respondent's first offence, and for violating ORC Section 4753.02, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Suspend for 80 days, staying half, commencing on designated days off.
- 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 the 10 hours 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.
- Audit for continuing education hours for the next 2 renewal cycles.

Motion #10

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2012-15. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

2012-16

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who was issued a 2010 Continuing Education Audit Notice for renewing late for the 2011-2012 licensure period. She complied with the continuing education portion of the audit; however, she practiced with an expired license for 23 of the 37 days.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:

Due to this being the Respondent's first offence, and for violating ORC Section 4753.02, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Suspend for 37 days, staying half, commencing on designated days off.
- 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 the 10 hours 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.

- Audit for continuing education hours for the next 2 renewal cycles.

Motion #11

Ms. Embry moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2012-16. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

2012-20

This case involves an individual that applied for a speech-language pathology license via the ASHA Waiver option. The application was received at the Board office on 8/8/2011. She was also licensed as a speech-language pathologist in another state. On 10/8/2010 she resigned from that employer after admitting to falsifying billing.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:

Propose to deny the application based on admission to falsified billing, a violation of ORC Section 4753.10(E)(1): committing fraud, deception, or misrepresentation in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology including: making or filing a false report or record in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology.

Motion #12

Ms. Thorpe moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2012-20. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

2012-27

This case involves unlicensed practice, for over 6 ½ years, by a speech-language pathologist. Her license expired on 1/1/2005 and she continued to practice, fulltime, in a school district. She obtained her initial license in 1976.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:

Due to a violation of ORC Section 4753.02, and for practicing with an expired license for more than 6 ½ years, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Suspend the Respondent's license for 1 year.

Motion #13

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2012-27. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

2012-39

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who was issued a 2010 Continuing Education Audit Notice for renewing late for the 2011-2012 licensure period. She complied with the continuing education portion of the audit; however, she practiced with an expired license, for 23 of the 37 days. She worked in a school district during the time her license was expired.

Accordingly the IRG recommends the following:

Due to this being the Respondent's first offence, and for violating ORC Section 4753.02, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

- Suspend for 76 days, staying half, commencing on designated days off.
- 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 the 10 hours 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.
- Audit for continuing education hours for the next 2 renewal cycles.

Motion #14

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2012-39. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested. Dr. Levenfus abstained.

C. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry

OPENED	Cases since the last Board Meeting 8/12/2011	37
CLOSED	Cases since the last board meeting 8/12/2011	28
Referrals	Of total open cases	12
TOTAL Open	After Closing Cases Today	34

Of the cases currently open (and after closing any cases today):

Aide changed supervisors but no application filed	0
CE Audit issues	13
Conviction applications	0
Deceased (verified)	0
Denied Refund	0
Billing Issues/Falsified Records	2
Late Plan (or none)	0
Late Report and Log (or none)	5
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 – CE issues	0
Renewal application issue (CE's not completed by 12/31/2010)	0
Restoration application – CE issues	0
Supervision of an Aide termination, did not notify Board	0
Unlicensed Practice	3
Unlicensed Practice due to late renewal/ce audit	8

Unprofessional/Unethical	2
Verification of ASHA and/or other state licensure	4

2010 CE Audit

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

	Audited	CEs Received	Reviewed/ Complied
▪ Random AUD, 5%	39	39	37
▪ Random SLP, 5%	246	246	244
▪ Late Rnwls 1/1/11 – 3/8/11 (112)	106	106	97
▪ Consents (17)	15	15	15
▪ Reprimand	1	1	1
▪ Other	2	2	2
▪ 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	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
	438	437	424

To date, 96.8% of the 2010 Continuing Education Audits have been reviewed to completeness. 96.7% have complied. All other audits received are pending for “information requested.”

Of the 112 Late Renewals, 5 were newly licensed and did not have to obtain any CE's and 1 was re-licensed on 2/8/11; therefore, the completion percentage is based on a total of 106 audits for late renewal applications.

Of the random audiology audits, 1 licensee did not obtain any continuing education hours *specific to the clinical practice of audiology* during the 2010 renewal period, and therefore surrendered their license instead of completing additional hours to satisfy the continuing education requirements for the 2009-2010 licensure period.

Of the 17 licensees who were audited as part of a Consent Agreement, 2 were newly licensed and did not have to obtain any CE's; therefore, the percentage is based on a total of 15 audits.

To date, continuing education audits have produced 16 investigations resulting in warning letters due to licensees not demonstrating proof of earning 20 hours of continuing education by December 31, 2010.

To date, the Board took formal disciplinary action against 8 licensees who were audited for continuing education due to late renewal of their license. The Board took disciplinary action due to the licensees' practicing under an expired license. There were no continuing education violations in these instances.

LICENSURE APPROVAL – Ms. Embry**A. License Review****Speech-Language Pathology****Motion #15**

Ms. Embry moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on August 15, 2011, September 1, 2011, September 15, 2011, September 16, 2011 and October 3, 2011. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

August 15, 2011

Shari	Dailey	SP.6044
Rachel	Compliment	SP.10190
Elizabeth	Finney	SP.10191
Sara	Chaney	SP.10192
Megan	Gianni	SP.10193
Carolyn	Whisler	SP.10194
Maria	Golla	SP.10195
Samantha	Lyle	SP.10196
Melinda	Siefker	SP.10197
Bryn	Olson	SP.10198
Abigail	Dunford	SP.10199
Corinne	Brill	SP.10200
Beth	Kleinschmidt	SP.10201
Catherine	Bujak	SP.10202
Aimee	Cummins	SP.10203
Allison	Moran	SP.10204
Stephanie	Shorie	SP.10205
Tasha	Davis	SP.10206

September 1, 2011

Leann	Fortner	SP.6402
Valerie	Moore	SP.10207
Courtney	McCart	SP.10208
Angela	Cook	SP.10209
Alicia	George	SP.10210
Michal	Eisikowitz	SP.10211

Danielle	Cartinhour	SP.10212
Santia	Sims	SP.10213
Cara	Hesse	SP.10214
Jessica	May	SP.10215
Cynthia	Williams	SP.10216

September 15, 2011

Michael	Fraas	SP.6174
Ellen	Greenfield	SP.10217
Kelly	Creger	SP.10218
Emily	Boyer	SP.10219
Richelle	Tanner	SP.10220
Miriam	Krause	SP.10221
Caroline	Dunn	SP.10222
Shanna	Van Buren	SP.10223
Lori	Dailey	SP.10224

September 16, 2011

K. Todd	Houston	SP.10225
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October 3, 2011

Catherine	Bunker	SP.4088
D'Metria	Alston	SP.6414
Candace	Hatcher	SP.10226
Stephanie	Saad	SP.10227
Kristi	Cromwell	SP.10228
Jennifer	Dunn	SP.10229
Diane	Miller	SP.10230
Kathryn	Cramer	SP.10231
Jennifer	Brown	SP.10232
Heather	Evans	SP.10233
Jessica	Fahr	SP.10234
Alaina	Wolfe	SP.10235
Bobbi	Colatruglio	SP.10236
Lauren	Notestine	SP.10237

Audiology**Motion #16**

Ms. Embry moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on August 15, 2011, September 1, 2011, September 15, 2011 and October 3, 2011. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

August 15, 2011

Alyssa	McDaniel	A.01792
Julie	Lincoln	A.01793
Tamara	Campbell	A.01794

September 1, 2011

Terri	Shive	A.00894
Emily	Leister	A.01795

September 15, 2011

None

October 3, 2011

Cathy	Newman	A.01796
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Conditional Speech-Language Pathology**Motion #17**

Ms. Embry moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on August 15, 2011, August 18, 2011, September 1, 2011, September 6, 2011, September 15, 2011 and October 3, 2011. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

August 15, 2011

Felicia	Kluth	COND.2012055
Shayna	Davis	COND.2012056
Katherine	Heagerty	COND.2012057
Darlene	Reinholz	COND.2012058
Jennifer	Wilhelm	COND.2012059
Elizabeth	Dunigan	COND.2012060
Heidi	Friend	COND.2012061
Cassandra	Turic	COND.2012062
Kristin	Weaver	COND.2012063
Kalliopi	Kontoveros	COND.2012064
Anne	Williams	COND.2012065
Jacqueline	Whitney	COND.2012066
Lewis	VanAusdle	COND.2012067
Victoria	Cook	COND.2012068
Katie	Aydt	COND.2012069
Leah	Kleman	COND.2012070
Lori	Hutton	COND.2012071

Megan	Bixler	COND.2012072
Johanna	Vine	COND.2012073
Jennifer	Hakko	COND.2012074
Bethany	Kessel	COND.2012075
Molly	Schenker	COND.2012076
Jennifer	McDonough	COND.2012077
Megan	Heilman	COND.2012078
Jenna	Tricaso	COND.2012079
Kristina	Phelps	COND.2012080
Jamie	King	COND.2012081
Tiana	Smith	COND.2012082
Eva	Yoder	COND.2012083
Megan	Earle	COND.2012084
Nicole	Gorgan	COND.2012085
Laura	Gilbert	COND.2012086
Kathleen	Hardesty	COND.2012087
Karen	Kennedy	COND.2012088
Anna	Poling	COND.2012089
Megan	Berning	COND.2012090
Kristen	Krischak	COND.2012091
Jennifer	Scaggs	COND.2012092
Amy	Spar	COND.2012093
Lisa	Semenovich	COND.2012094
Andrea	Schneider	COND.2012095
Tanya	Sarver	COND.2012096
Jessica	Rocker	COND.2012097
Sarah	Leitzzy	COND.2012098
Nicole	Miller	COND.2012099
Leslie	Kennedy	COND.2012100
Allison	Lawyer	COND.2012101
Jaclyn	Gulasy	COND.2012102
Jane	Hutchinson	COND.2012103
Sarah	Kendziorski	COND.2012104
Mia	Jovanovic	COND.2012105
Erica	Haber	COND.2012106
Jill	Cika	COND.2012107
Jamie	Davis	COND.2012108
Renea	Dutton	COND.2012109
Jessica	Andrews	COND.2012110
Holly	Allsop	COND.2012111
Alison	Bender	COND.2012112

Lauren	Tadlock	COND.2012113
Kristin	Hay	COND.2012114
Ashley	Agler	COND.2012115
Kristen	Rambo	COND.2012116

August 18, 2011

Molly	Peiffer	COND.2012119
Michelle	Pankau	COND.2012120

September 1, 2011

Lisa	Dalby	COND.2012117
Kimberly	Lamb	COND.2012118
Brittany	Zappa	COND.2012121
Katelyn	Leesburg	COND.2012122
Samantha	Temme	COND.2012123
Victoria	Hoover	COND.2012124
Colby	Cummerow	COND.2012125
Kelsey	Jakupcin	COND.2012126
Megan	Reynolds	COND.2012127
Deanna	Clendenen	COND.2012128
Sarah	Schadek	COND.2012129
Jenna	Schultz	COND.2012130
Jessica	Miller	COND.2012131
Ann	Foley	COND.2012132
Cara	Ricci	COND.2012133
Miranda	Walker	COND.2012134
Joliana	Zelaya	COND.2012135
Jessica	Trick	COND.2012136
Jennifer	Barkimer	COND.2012137
Tricia	Piening	COND.2012138
Jamie	Cooley	COND.2012139
Julia	Cramer	COND.2012140
Paige	Crombie	COND.2012141
Sandra	Forshey	COND.2012142
Carley	Tewanger	COND.2012143
Sarah	Osmond	COND.2012144
Jessica	Merrill	COND.2012145
Megan	Masterson	COND.2012146
Olivia	Masters	COND.2012147
Courtney	Lones	COND.2012148
Cathleen	Schweinfest	COND.2012149
Denise	Hickox	COND.2012150

Lisa	Del Vecchio	COND.2012151
Kaitlyn	Gustin	COND.2012152
Lindsay	Baker	COND.2012153
Elena	Knatz	COND.2012154
Alayna	LaPrade	COND.2012155

September 6, 2011

Brittany	Robinson	COND.2012158
Kevin	Thompson	COND.2012159
Monica	Willey	COND.2012160

September 15, 2011

Sara	Farley	COND.2012156
Anita	DiBlasi	COND.2012157
Audra	Comes	COND.2012161
Elizabeth	Marrone	COND.2012162
Julia	Maury	COND.2012163
Heather	Mikolay	COND.2012164
Kathleen	Mettel	COND.2012165
Sarah	Hazelwood	COND.2012166
Amy	Juday	COND.2012167

October 3, 2011

Steffie	Peters	COND.2012168
Samantha	Fry	COND.2012169
Kristen	Pizzoferrato	COND.2012170
Patricia	Gauthier	COND.2012171

Student Permits**Motion #18**

Ms. Embry moved to ratify the Student Permits granted by the Executive Director on August 15, 2011, August 27, 2011, and August 31, 2011. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

August 15, 2011

Natalie	Hricik	PRMT.115
Kasena	Kafka	PRMT.118
Kathryn	Ganz	PRMT.123
Caroline	Noeth	PRMT.125
Nicole	Dominish	PRMT.126

Meghan	Mosier	PRMT.128
Angela	Burnett	PRMT.130
Jacqueline	Lucas	PRMT.135

August 27, 2011

Sally	Forshey	PRMT.107
Lindsey	Northup	PRMT.108
Matthew	Hott	PRMT.109
Chelsie	Howard	PRMT.112
Alana	Ellerbrock	PRMT.113
Stephanie	Lasure	PRMT.114
Nancy	Vanco	PRMT.117
Jennifer	Woodby	PRMT.124
Denise	Feichtner	PRMT.127
Leslie	Scheanwald	PRMT.138

August 31, 2011

Kristen	Benson	PRMT.105
Christine	Groves	PRMT.106
Brittany	Seaman	PRMT.110
Emma	Stuckey	PRMT.111
Lauren	Notario	PRMT.116
Teresa	Haubner	PRMT.119
Danielle	Rogers	PRMT.120
McKenzie	Blair	PRMT.121
Emma	Gallagher	PRMT.122
Emily	Everly	PRMT.129
Rebecca	Kontonickas	PRMT.131
Sarah	Backus	PRMT.132
Anna	Snyder	PRMT.133
Sarah	Dahlhoff	PRMT.134
Christine	Alaimo	PRMT.136
Katherine	Teimeyer	PRMT.137
Andrew	Slattery	PRMT.139
Summer	Corrai	PRMT.140
Michael	Hale	PRMT.141

LICENSING SUMMARY

Speech-Language Pathologist	6122
Audiologist	928
Inactives	131 AUD 24 / SLP 107
Conditional SLP	336

Permit Holders	47
SLP-Aide	10
AUD-Aide	64
TOTAL	7638

B. Applications for Review

Audiology Aides

Motion #19

Dr. Mitchell moved to approve the application for Audiology Aide, number **Aide AUD 10122011-1**. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Licensure Applications

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

Special Cases

No special cases are currently pending.

C. Licensure Report – Ms. Cunningham

Ms. Cunningham reported that she and Mr. Thornton are in the process of reviewing various application forms. She noted that reviewing and updating Board forms and template letters are a continuous process. Any significant changes to forms will be submitted to the Board for final approval. Ms. Cunningham also reported that in an effort to measure the Board's ability to process licensure applications in a timely manner, performance metrics have been established and have been collected since April 1, 2011. This data tracks how long it takes the Board to process, evaluate, and approve an application. Ms. Cunningham is in the process of reviewing the results thus far and will have additional information to report at a future board meeting.

Without objection, Dr. Levenfus moved Committee Reports up on the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Rules Committee – Ms. Loretta Embry, Chair

Ms. Embry reported that the Rules Committee met on October 11, 2011. The committee reviewed the written comments received on two of the nine rules being proposed at the rules hearing today. The committee also reviewed the draft proposed changes to the continuing education requirements that were approved by the Professional Competency Committee. Ms. Embry reported that the proposed changes will be distributed and posted to the Board's website to allow licensees and various groups an opportunity to provide public comment. The committee will review the public comment in early 2012. The committee reviewed the list of rules that will be up for five year rule review in 2012. The committee also identified priority issues it plans to address in 2012. The committee's top priority in 2012 will

be to propose comprehensive rules on telepractice and amend current rules related to the continuing education requirements.

B. Professional Competency Committee – Dr. Jane Kukula, Chair

Dr. Kukula reported that the Professional Competency Committee will meet in early 2012 after a new committee chair is appointed in December. Dr. Kukula stated that she enjoyed serving as the committee chair; the committee had an opportunity to review and address a number of competency issues during the past two years. The most significant accomplishment relates to the proposed changes for continuing education requirements, which is now pending with the Rules Committee. Dr. Kukula encouraged the Professional Competency Committee to continue to focus on addressing issues that ensure quality supervision and accountability for supervisors of the Professional Experience Year.

C. Policy and Procedures Committee – Mr. Malcolm Porter and Ms. Patricia Leppla, Co-Chairs

Mr. Porter and Ms. Leppla reported that the Policy and Procedures Committee completed its review of the first series of policies and provided its feedback to Mr. Thornton. The committee is in receipt of the second series of policies to review by the December board meeting. The committee expects to have all policies reviewed by September 2012, at which time final recommendations will be submitted to the full Board for consideration and final action.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion #20

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). Ms. Leppla 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; Ms. Tracy: Yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:14 A.M. and invited Board staff to remain in attendance.

The Board returned to Public Session at 11:51 A.M.

Before recessing for lunch, Dr. Levenfus proposed resuming at 1:00 P.M. and moving Board Business items up on the agenda prior to the rules hearing. There were no objections. The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 P.M. and returned to Public Session at 1:00 P.M.

BOARD BUSINESS**A. Continuing Education Requirements for Restoration from Inactive Status**

The Board discussed the initial feedback received from some licensees who restored their inactive license. Some licensees expressed concern regarding the number of continuing education hours required for restoration. After discussion, Dr. Levenfus referred this matter to the Rules Committee for further review. The committee will review the continuing education requirements for individuals seeking restoration of their inactive license and individuals applying for relicensure of an expired license. The committee will determine whether the number of continuing education hours required for each group is appropriate.

B. ASHA – Draft 2014 Standards for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology

The Board reviewed the draft 2014 Standards for the Certificate of Clinical Competency in Speech-Language Pathology proposed by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). After discussion, the Board determined that it would not submit any formal feedback during the period for peer review comments.

C. Attorney General Formal Opinion – Status of Conditional License

Assistant Attorney General Wilburn reported that a formal opinion the Board requested from the Attorney General's Office is expected very soon. The formal opinion will address the question of whether conditional licensees meet the eligibility requirements under the Code of Federal Regulations for Medicaid billing.

D. Review of Proposed Bill – Prohibiting Direct Sale of Hearing Aids to Ohio Consumers Via the Internet

The Board reviewed a final draft of a proposed bill that will prohibit direct sale of hearing aids to consumers via the Internet. After discussion, the Board entertained a motion to support the proposed legislation.

Motion #21

Dr. Kukula moved that the Board support the proposed bill that will prohibit direct sale of hearing aids to consumers via the Internet. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Educational Testing Service – Passing Score for the New Audiology Exam

The Board reviewed the technical report prepared by the Educational Testing Service in New Jersey for the new national examination in audiology. After discussion, the Board entertained the following motion to adopt a new passing score for the audiology exam required for Ohio licensure as an audiologist.

Motion #22

Dr. Kukula moved to set the passing score for the National Examination in Audiology, administered by the "Educational Testing Service" of Princeton, New Jersey, to 170. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board continued Board Business following the rules hearing.

FORMAL RULES HEARING pursuant to Chapter 119 Ohio Revised Code.

At 1:30 P.M. the Board conducted a Public Rules Hearing.

The following rules were proposed as Amended rules:

4753-3-04 – Educational Requirements for Licensure
4753-3-05 – Student Clinical Experience Requirements
4753-3-06 – Examination Requirements
4753-3-07 – Professional Experience Requirements
4753-3-09 – Reinstatement of License
4753-3-10 – Exempt Practice; Renewal
4753-6-01 – Screening
4753-7-01 – Licensure of Aides
4753-10-03 – Supervision of Student Permit Holders

The Rules Hearing concluded at 1:40 P.M. There were no witnesses in attendance.

Following the public rules hearing, the Board considered the written comments that were submitted to proposed rules 4753-3-05 and 4753-7-01. After discussion, the Board entertained the following motion.

Motion #23

Ms. Thorpe moved that Ohio Administrative Code rule 4753-3-05 and 4753-7-01 be revised and re-filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) consistent with the written public comments received. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board resumed Board Business. Note, there were no new parties from the public in attendance.

Board Business (Resumed)

F. October 3, 2011 Press Release re: Online Hearing Tests
The Board reviewed a press release dated October 3, 2011, issued by United Health Group, offering hearing aids to their subscribers. The Board expressed strong concerns, over statements in the press release. The press release indicated that a hearing aid would be recommended to plan subscribers based on an online test they can take at home on their computer, using headphones. The Board directed Mr. Thornton to research this matter further and report back any findings at the December board meeting. The Board will also consider reviewing this issue at its strategic planning meeting in January 2012.

G. Senate Bill 123 - Ohio eLicense Center Website – Reporting of Specialty Areas

The Board reviewed Senate Bill 123 which would require the Board to collect certain licensing characteristics from licensees and make those characteristics searchable to consumers via the Ohio eLicense website. Mr. Thornton reported that he and several other Executive Directors recently met with the Bill's legislative sponsor about concerns. The main concern is that the licensing characteristic is self-reported by the licensee. The Board has no means to verify the accuracy or validity of the information being reported and viewable to consumers. Future meetings are planned with the legislator, who indicated that the proposed Bill would be revised further based on comments shared at the meeting. The Board directed Mr. Thornton to continue to monitor SB 123.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board discussed the following correspondences:

A. SLP School Billing Issue – Medical Necessity

The Board directed Mr. Thornton to contact the licensee for additional information and clarification, as well as the Ohio Department of Education, before it can address questions about the Medicaid billing requirements for speech-language pathologists and educational audiologists, who provide therapy in school settings involving medical necessity. The Board will consider this correspondence again at the December board meeting.

B. Temporary Practice Exemption Under R.C. section 4753.12(F) for CFYs in Other States

Mr. Thornton informed the Board about a recent request from someone out of state seeking an exemption for temporary practice under Ohio Revised Code section 4753.12(F). The individual is completing their clinical fellowship year in another state and would like to practice in Ohio under the exemption for a period not to exceed thirty days. After review of this request by the Board Chairperson and Assistant Attorney General Wilburn, it was determined that the individual could practice in Ohio under the exemption, provided they are supervised by a speech-language pathologist licensed by this Board.

C. Out of State Companies Offering Therapy Services in Ohio via Telepractice

The Board reviewed correspondence from a licensee indicating that their school district received information from an out-of-state company about providing therapy services via telepractice. The Board noted that the Rules Committee will be drafting comprehensive rules for telepractice in 2012, which will clarify the licensure requirements for service delivery via telepractice.

MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no member concerns presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

Dr. Helene Levenfus, Chairperson

Ms. Loretta Embry, Vice Chair

Date

Date

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date