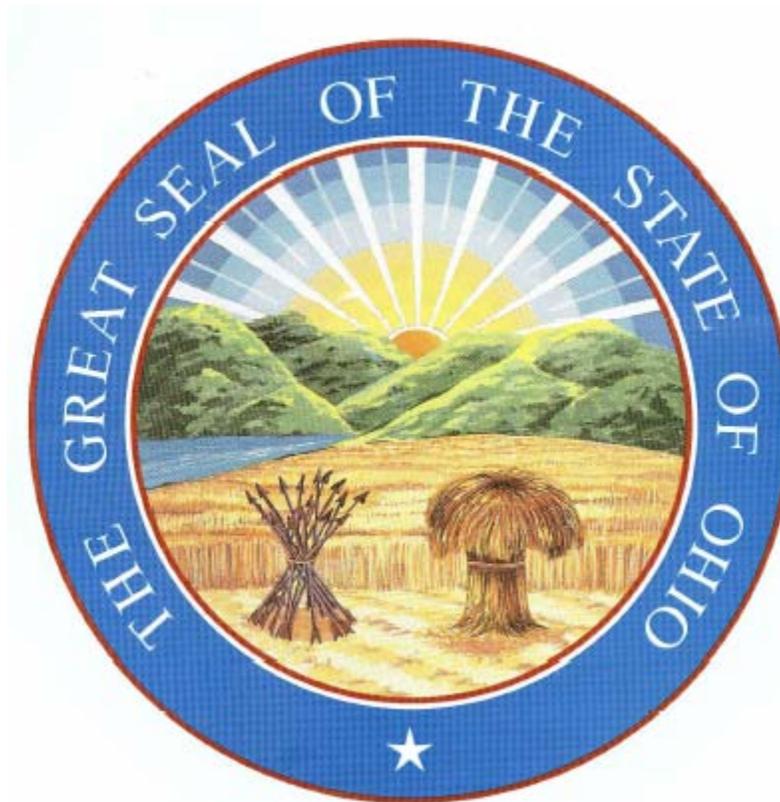




**THE OHIO BOARD OF  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
AND AUDIOLOGY**

**FY 2007 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE  
GOVERNOR**

**JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007**





## Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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### A Letter to the Governor

October 17, 2007

Dear Governor Ted Strickland:

It is my pleasure to submit on behalf of the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, this FY 2007 Annual Report. The Report, filed in compliance with R.C. Section 4753.05(D), lists the significant actions taken by the Board.

All of the activities of the Board in FY 2007 were focused on the fulfillment of our mission to protect the Ohio consumers of speech-language pathology and audiology services through the regulation of the practices of these professions in our state. The Board's governing statute was amended by enactment of S.B. 143 that provided for speech-language pathology student permits. This change was supported by the State's professional organizations representing speech pathologists and the Ohio Department of Education. These organizations along with the board developed a number of initiatives to address the shortage of speech-language pathologists in Ohio schools.

FY 2007 was a year of growth for the Board. Thank you for your continued support for our efforts to administer and enforce Revised Code Chapter 4753.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Setty  
Executive Director  
Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

# BOARD MATTERS

**There is hereby created the board of speech-language pathology and audiology consisting of eight members of this state to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. \*\*\*Terms of office shall be for three years, \*\*\* (R.C. Section 4753.03)**

The Board serves Ohio's consumers of speech-language pathology and audiology services by ensuring that Ohio practitioners meet minimum competency standards for admission into the practice, maintain competency throughout practice, and practice within ethical standards.

## BOARD MEMBERS DURING FY 2007

Davida Parsons, M.A., Chairperson: Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist  
Athens Term Expiration: September 26, 2009

Dawn Gleason, Au.D., Vice-Chair: Licensed Audiologist  
Hilliard Term Expiration: September 26, 2008

Patrick N. Mangino, Au.D. Chairperson: Licensed Audiologist  
Westerville Term Expiration: September 26, 2007

Patricia Zurlinden, M.A.: Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist  
Cincinnati Term Expiration: September 26, 2009

Susan O'Brien: Public Member  
Columbus Term Expiration: September 26, 2007

Carol Prahm Leslie, Ph.D.: Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist  
Cincinnati Term Expiration: September 26, 2007

Valenta Ward-Gravelly, Au.D., Licensed Audiologist  
Shaker Heights Term Expiration: September 26, 2007

Ann Shotwell: Public Member  
Cleveland Term Expiration: September 26, 2007

## BOARD STAFF

Michael J. Setty	Executive Director
Diane Hoenig	Licensing Administrator
Connie Stansberry	Investigator
Deborah Howard	Administrative Assistant
Dominic Chieffo	Assistant Attorney General

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## Meetings

**The board of speech-language pathology shall hold at least one regular meeting a year, at which it shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members. \*\*\* (R.C. Section 4753.04)**

The Board met seven times during FY 2007. Six meetings were held at the Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio. The November meeting was held in Akron in conjunction with the Ohio School Speech Pathology Audiology Coalition.

An Open Forum for the Public and Professional Associations was held at each meeting.

**Significant actions of the Board during FY 2007 include the following:**

- Published four Newsletters to the licensees.
  - Conducted Board presentations at three state professional associations.
  - Presented Licensure presentation to eight state graduate programs in speech-language pathology and audiology.
  - Made improvements in the Board's Website.
  - Developed proposed rule revisions to R.C. 4753 for Speech-Language Pathology Student Permit.
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# Licensure Matters

During FY 2007 the Board approved the following licenses:

Speech-Language Pathology	235
Audiology	56
Conditional SLP	192
Conditional Audiology	2
Speech-Language Pathology Aides	6
Audiology Aides	8

On June 30, 2006 the Board's licensees numbered as follows:

Speech-Language Pathologists	5,462
Audiologists	874
Conditional Speech-Language Pathologists	191
Conditional Audiologists	3
Speech-Language Pathology Aides	16
Audiology Aides	80

# Compliance Activities

**The Board shall investigate all alleged irregularities in the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology by persons licensed pursuant to this chapter and any violation of this chapter or rules adopted by the board. \*\*\* (O.R.C. section 4753.05 (E)).**

During the fiscal year 2007, a process of Board oversight of investigative activity was continued, with the Board's Vice-Chairperson serving as the Board member on the investigative review group. Other members of the committee include the Board's Assistant Attorney General, the Executive Director, and the Investigator. All other Board members, except for the Vice-Chairperson, are excluded from the details of complaints and decisions on the committee's recommendation to either close the case or take appropriate actions in compliance with O.R.C. Section 119.

## INVESTIGATIONS

### Investigation Totals for Fiscal Year 2007

Cases opened	32
Cases closed	38
Cases carried over into FY 2008	21

### Case Actions in Fiscal Year 2007

Hearings Conducted	1
Goldman Hearings	0
Consent Agreements	3
Cease & desist letters	2
Closed – no actionable violation	1

<b>Category Types of New Cases for Fiscal Year 2007</b>	
Unlicensed Individuals	2
Applicants	0
Audiologists	0
Speech-Language Pathologists	0
Aides	1

<b>Alleged Violations for New Cases in FY 2007</b>	
Unprofessional conduct	5
Falsification of application	0
Suspended license from another state	0
Requirements not met for application	1
Misrepresentation	0
Applicant lacking CEU's for renewal	1
Unethical practice	3
Fraud/Falsifying documents	0
Unlicensed Practice	12
Other complaints referred to other regulatory boards	3

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## Financial Activities

Revenues for the Board are derived from license applications, license renewals and late service fees. License renewal is conducted on a biennial basis. In FY 2007 license renewal took place. Revenues generated from the renewal provide the bulk of funding for expenses for two fiscal years. The Board continued to operate in a fiscally responsible manner in meeting its obligations. Revenues are placed in the 4K9 Fund, which holds monies collected from many of the regulatory boards. The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology had a balance of \$952,000 as of June 30, 2007.

### FY 2007

Revenue	Expenditures	Net
\$774,090	\$402,926	\$371,164

\*The Board renews licenses biennially. The Boards 4K9 balance on June 30, 2007 was \$952,000, which provides the operating funds for the Board.

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## Board Activities

The Board made further use of the Ohio E-License system by providing on line license verification and licensee access to their E-license files. Ninety percent of our licensees renewed their licenses on line through E-License Ohio.

The Board's list serve was increased to over 6,300 licensees, professional organizations and consumers, who receive quarterly Newsletters from the Board.

The Board reduced license renewal fees from \$150 to \$100.

The Board's website was enhanced to provide more timely information to our licensees and consumers.

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