

**Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
Minutes January 13, 2009**



**Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
77 South High St., Flr. 16
Columbus, OH 43215
614-466-3145**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairperson, Valenta Ward-Gravely, Au.D., in room West B and C, 31st floor of the Riffe Center, 77 South High St., Columbus, Ohio.

Members present:

Valenta Ward-Gravely, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Chairperson
Helene Levenfus, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Vice Chairperson
Loretta Embry, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Jane Kukula, Au.D, Audiology Board Member
Malcolm Porter, Public Member

Also Present:

Patrick K. Lightfoot, Interim Executive Director
Diane L. Hoenig, Licensing Administrator
Connie Stansberry, Investigator
Melissa L. Wilburn, Assistant Attorney General

PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMENTS

Nancy Creaghead from the University of Cincinnati, OH, spoke on behalf of the universities and the OMNI program.

- Student Permit Internship program was developed to fill shortage of speech-language pathologists in schools. Legislature mandated that something be done.
- The program allows the permit holder to work towards their degree.
- Student Permit Holders could count the hours towards practicum hours with supervision
- Collaborative team addressed the issues in paragraph noted in Ms. Creaghead's letter 4753-10-3(C).

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- The universities are asking the Board to reconsider the amount of supervision of 2nd year students and allow supervision of 25% of two of the five days students are providing services.

The Board asked about caseload size and severity of cases, as well as success of current students enrolled in the program.

The Board questioned if supervision of 25% of only two of the five days students are providing services would be sufficient. Ms. Creaghead stated that having additional supervision could be a possibility but right now they have not identified enough speech-language pathologists to provide the additional supervision. In the future this could be a distinct possibility

A letter of support was also received by the Ohio Department of Education.

The Board thanked Ms. Creaghead for sharing her concerns with the Board.

AGENDA

The agenda was presented and reviewed. Amendments were made.

Motion #1 Dr. Kukula moved to accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 5, 2008 meeting were reviewed and corrected.

Motion #2 Ms. Embry moved to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2008 meeting as corrected. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Dr. Ward-Gravely

- Stated many goals were accomplished yesterday at the Strategic Planning meeting. Some items will be deferred to the 3/5/2009 meeting agenda because of the need for input from the Assistant Attorney General.
- Discussion of the Executive Director's position:
 - Dr. Levenfus, Dr. Kukula and Dr. Ward-Gravely conducted initial interviews and completed that process.
 - The search has been thorough. Another candidate was interviewed this morning.
 - Dr. Kukula thanked Dr. Ward-Gravely and Dr. Levenfus for the hard work they put into the search. She stated there were many good candidates.

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Assistant Attorney General Wilburn

- HB-648 (Confidential Personal Information): The Attorney General's office will set up a team to address HB-648 and to provide guidelines. Ms. Wilburn will be one of the team members.
- HB-130: 4743.06 is a new Ohio Revised Code section. It appears that there is no obligation on part of this Board since if the Board proposes to deny an application a 119 Administrative Hearing is offered. There may be a need to define which felony conviction would be an automatic denial and it should be related to activities the Board regulates.
- AG Wilburn will keep in touch with the Interim Executive Director regarding this and have more information available for the Board at the March 5, 2009 meeting.
- Executive Order 2008-04S AAG will have clarification at the next board meeting in March for the board. Dr. Ward Gravely added that this Board has been diligent in not denying licenses for minor violations (i.e., paperwork, marginally late renewal, late CE documentation.) Patrick Lightfoot was asked to draft a statement regarding this for our Policy and Procedures Manual.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Mr. Lightfoot

- HB-648. A committee will provide a template for all boards and commissions to use. The bill will enforce civil and criminal penalties for lack of compliance. Staff will be required to sign a form regarding this.
- The Board will continue to review the ORC 4753 and OAC to identify areas that may need revision.

Executive Session

Motion #3 Dr. Levenfus moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1). Mr. Porter seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Mr. Porter: yes; Dr. Kukula: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:50 A.M. with Mr. Lightfoot and the Assistant Attorney General in attendance. The Board staff was not in the room during deliberations.

11:00 A.M. Mr. Lightfoot exited executive sessions; counsel remained.

Sometime later counsel exited the room.

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The Board reentered public session at 1:22 P.M.

INVESTIGATIONS- Ms. Stansberry, Investigator

Motion #4 Dr. Kukula moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against licensees, which is pending or imminent court action under R.C. 121.22(G)(3) and involves matters that are required to 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. Ward-Gravelly: yes; Mr. Porter: yes; Dr. Kukula: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 1:25 P.M. with the Board staff in attendance.

The Board reentered public session at 1:28 P.M.

LICENSURE APPROVAL- Dr. Levenfus

A. Licensure Review

Motion #5 Dr. Levenfus moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted on December 15, 2008 and January 2, 2009. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

December 15, 2008

Jennifer M.	Williams	SP 9243
Christina E.	Dietz	SP 9244
Anna Katherine	Grimm	SP 9245
Kelly Lynn	Ubinger	SP 9246

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Michelle Lynn	Milligan	SP 8210 Relicensure
Shawna Marie	Litman	SP 9247
TamiLyn Ann	Colombo	SP 9248
Carey Ann	Ruth	SP 9249
Yarixa	Barillas	SP 9250

Total Count	9
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Motion #6 Dr. Levenfus moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted on January 2, 2009. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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AUDIOLOGY

January 2, 2009

Kristin E.	Chiasson	A01683
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Total Count		1
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Motion #7 Dr. Levenfus moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted on December 15, 2008 and January 2, 2009. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONDITIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
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December 15, 2008

Danielle Janine	Hayes	COND 2009111
Abby Jean	Madel	COND 2009112
Heather Elizabeth	Penso	COND 2009113
Elaine M.	Goetz	COND 2009114
Rachael L.	Currier	COND 2009115
Chana Rivka	Chavkin	COND 2009116
Rebecca Marie	Bowen	COND 2009117
Amanda Nicole	Newlon	COND 2009118
Annemarie	Nichols	COND 2009119
Rachel Denise	Wagner	COND 2009120

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Sarah Kathyryne	Meikle	COND 2009121
Jennifer Marie	Uher	COND 2009122
Kayla A.	Bloomer	COND 2009123
Kristina Louise	Baron	COND 2009124
Erin C.	Naugle	COND 2009125
Caroline Ann	Kreis	COND 2009126

Total Count		16
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B. Aide Application Review

Aide Licensure

Speech-Language Pathology Aides
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Motion #8 Ms. Embry moved to approve the application for speech-language pathology aide licensure number Aide SLP 011309-2. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Audiology Aides

Motion #9 Dr. Levenfus proposed to deny the application for audiology aide licensure number Audiology Aide 011309-1 Renewal with Supervisor Change.

Motion #10 Dr. Levenfus withdrew her motion to deny the application for audiology aide licensure number 011309-1 and Renewal with Supervisor Change and move to table the application.

Motion #11 Dr. Levenfus moved to table the application for audiology aide licensure number Audiology Aide 011309-3.

Licensure Applications

Motion #12 Dr. Levenfus moved to table the application for audiology application licensure number Audiology 011309-4 for further review of the applicant's international transcript and other documents to determine if they qualify for licensure.

Student Permit

None

SLP	5492
AuD	874
Conditional SLP	254
Permit	35
AuD Aide	55
SLP Aide	15
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 6725

Continuation of Investigative Report.

The board briefly discussed the Investigative Strategic Planning Meeting report from yesterday's Strategic Planning Meeting after Licensure.

- A. No investigations were presented to the board.

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- B. Investigator's Report
 - a. 2009 Audit will have 5% Audiology and 5% Speech-Language Pathology randomized electronically mailed in February.

OPENED	Cases since last Board Meeting 12/5/2008	1
CLOSED	Cases at last Board Meeting 12/5/2008	6
	Total number OPEN cases	17

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Whitelaw- Correspondence
 - a. The board is continuing to review the application process for international applicants.

- B. Minekime- Correspondence
 - a. The Board will send a correspondence recommending that Ms. Minekime contact ODJFS for further assistance. Ms. Minekime may also want to contact the Ohio Speech and Hearing Association and or Governmental Affairs Coalition.

- C. Neuman CSU- Correspondence
 - a. The Board determined that the current form can be revised. The licensing administrator will work on revisions. They will review the form at the 3/5/2009 meeting.

- D. Pickens- Correspondence
 - a. The Board determined to allow Ms. Pickens to re-apply for speech-language pathology licensure with the SLPAUD Board.

BOARD BUSINESS

Dr. Levenfus received a letter from the National Board of Examiners and Professions (NCSB). Dr. Levenfus will contact NCSB and determine the merits of this Board becoming a member.

Dr. Levenfus participated in a teleconference presented by the Auditor on State Board and Commissions Fiduciary Training. She will provide more information about the teleconference at a future meeting.

Ohio Speech-Language-Hearing Association (OSLHA) conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio March 5, 6, and 7, 2009. Dr. Ward-Gravely and Ms. Embry will be attending and representing the Board. A presentation will be given.

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The OSHLA Legislative Breakfast will be held March 18, 2009 in Columbus, Ohio at the statehouse. This is an annual event. Dr. Ward-Gravely will be attending as well as the Licensing Administrator of the Board. Only board members are reimbursed for this. Dr. Levenfus and Dr. Kukula will sponsor the Licensing Administrators' or Director's registration fee. Mr. Porter was invited to attend.

The Ohio Audiology Conference is February 20, 2009 Polaris Hilton, Columbus, Ohio. There will be a question and answer segment. Dr. Ward-Gravely will attend representing the Board.

The Board returned to Licensure

Motion #13 Dr. Levenfus moved to approve audiology aide licensure number Audiology Aide 011309-3. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board briefly returned to Correspondence

Medical Board Correspondence (Debolt)

- o The Board asked the Interim Executive Director to write a letter to Ms. Biller referring her to ORC 4753.01(B) which discusses the scope of practice of speech-language pathologists, based on the response by the Medical Board.

MEMBER CONCERNS

The Board discussed the need to schedule a meeting prior to the March 5, 2009 meeting for discussion of applicants for the Executive Director's position, personnel matters and to continue discussion of the Board business. A date will be set and posted on the board website.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #14 Mr. Porter moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Embry seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 P.M.

Dr. Valenta Ward-Gravely, Chairperson

Dr. Helene Levenfus, Vice Chair

Date

Date

Signatures on file in the Board Office