



**Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
77 South High Street, Suite 1659
Columbus, OH 43215**

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 20, 2015

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 8:30 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 – Roll Call:

Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member and Chairperson
Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Vice Chairperson
Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, ABA, FAAA, Audiology Board Member
Lisa A. Froehlich, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Angela N. King, Public Member
Helen L. Mayle, Public Member
Carrie L. Spangler, Au.D., CCC-A, FAAA, Audiology Board Member
Linda L. Wellman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

Also Present:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director
Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator
Darlene D. Young, Executive Office Administrator
Brandy R. Thomas, Administrative Professional
Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Senior 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 January 20, 2015, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 2, 2014 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion #2

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2014 board meeting. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. Thorpe Wiley welcomed new audiology board member Dr. Carrie Spangler to the Board. Ms. Thorpe Wiley noted that all board member positions are filled and is looking forward to a productive year in 2015. Dr. Spangler stated that she appreciates the opportunity to serve on the Board. The Board members and staff introduced themselves. Ms. Thorpe Wiley thanked Ms. Mayle, Ms. King, and Mr. Thornton for representing the Board at the HB 109 bill signing ceremony on December 19, 2014, which will require entities to provide additional warnings to consumers prior to the sale of hearing aids over the Internet. She also thanked Dr. Wellman, Dr. Froehlich, and Mr. Thornton for their licensure presentation at Miami University. She thanked Mr. Thornton for preparing the late fall eNewsletter and annual report for FY2014. Ms. Thorpe Wiley also thanked the board staff for their hard work during the licensure renewal campaign.

ETHICS TRAINING

Pursuant to Governor Kasich's Executive Order 2011-03K the board members and staff held an ethics training session, facilitated by Mr. Thornton and Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Hawkinson.

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;
- Legislative and media contacts;
- Year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2015;
- Number of license verification letters issued;
- Significant legislation;
- Status of the new eLicensing 2.0 system;
- Board Appointments;
- Board newsletters for late fall and winter;
- Annual Report for FY2014;
- Board Presentation at the Ohio Academy of Audiology Conference on February 20, 2015;
- Ethics Financial Disclosure Statements for calendar year 2014; and
- Paperless board meetings

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl R. Hawkinson informed the Board about an investigative report issued by the Ohio Inspector General's Office, involving irregularities found at a state board, (File ID: 2014-CA00009). Ms. Hawkinson reviewed the findings and recommendations made by the Inspector General's Office. The Board requested that the report be sent to members.

The Board recessed at 10:25 a.m. and returned to public session at 10:35 a.m.

INVESTIGATIONS**A. Board Actions**

There were no cases presented to the Board for final action.

B. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry

OPENED	Cases since the last Board Meeting 12/2/2014	8
CLOSED	Cases since the last board meeting 12/2/2014	1
TOTAL Open Cases	After closing any cases today (includes referrals)	20
Consumer Complaints	Of total open cases	14
Referrals	Of total open cases	6

Of the 20 cases currently open, the Investigative Categories are listed below:

Billing Fraud	0
Continuing Education Violation	1
Conviction Application Review	1
Conviction	0
False or Misleading Advertisement	4
Falsified/Misleading Application	1
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	0
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Other	0
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	0
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	1
Unlicensed Practice	2
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	10

Other Enforcement Activities since the last board meeting**Warning Letters:**

Per the Investigative Review Group Guidelines, warning letters have been issued due to:

- late submission, by 60 days or less, of the following paperwork:

- Supervised Professional Experience Report and Supervision Contacts Log 1

Re-Opened Case – Case No. E2014-27:

Case number E2014-27 was reopened due to the presence of misleading statements on Respondent's website. The issue was discovered as a result of our routine monitoring and follow-up to verify continued compliance with a Cease and Desist letter. Respondent's website contained inappropriate terms regarding audiological services, such as "diagnostic audiological evaluation," without an audiologist being on staff. After contacting the Respondent, the statement was immediately removed.

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 December 1, 2014, December 15, 2014, and January 2, 2015. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

December 1, 2014

SP-7620-	April Artuso Cowden	re-licensure
SP-7902-	Heather M. Cundiff	re-licensure
SP-8959-	Rebecca Lynn Faust	re-licensure
SP-11516-	Helen F. Carter	
SP-11517-	Patricia Ann Harris	
SP-11518-	Britni Lynn Schaffer	
SP-11519-	Manasa Katherine Young	
SP-11520-	Heather Danielle Troy	
SP-11521-	Lynn M. Gooch	
SP-11522-	Elizabeth Lauren Williamson	
SP-11523-	Rachel Katherine Powers	
SP-11524-	Kathryn Elizabeth VanDyke Schmaus	
SP-11525-	Anela Nani Schwier	
SP-11526-	Lindsay Leigh Prince	

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SP-11527-	Vanessa Anne Rowan
SP-11528-	Glen D. McBride Jr.
SP-11529-	Kristin Kae Russell
SP-11530-	Anh Quoc Nguyen

SP-11531- Marisa Renae Shepherd

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SP-4884	Laurie Gregory	re-licensure
SP-11532-	Gayle J. Avers	
SP-11533-	Shanna Renee Bodnar	
SP-11534-	Marissa Christine Gargano	
SP-11535-	Heather Cherie Hostetler	
SP-11536-	Stacey Danielle Kuhlman	
SP-11537-	Kendra Ann Schlunt	

Audiology

Motion #4

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on December 1, 2014, December 15, 2014, and January 2, 2015. Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

December 1, 2014

none

December 15, 2014

A-01769-	Holly Elizabeth Tegeder	re-licensure
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January 2, 2015

none

Conditional Speech-Language Pathology

Motion #5

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the conditional speech-language pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on December 1, 2014, December 15, 2014, and January 2, 2015. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

December 1, 2014

COND-2013316-SP	Stacey Danielle Kuhlman
COND-2015159-SP	Laura Nicole Albers

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COND-2015160-SP	Ashley Elizabeth Guittar
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COND-2015161-SP	Kaitlin Brice Crowley
COND-2015162-SP	Allyson Kate Berry
COND-2015163-SP	William Walter Bolden III
COND-2015164-SP	Allison Lynn Babic
COND-2015166-SP	Cat R Kenney
COND-2015167-SP	Kenzie Nicole Manns
COND-2015168-SP	Stephanie Lynn McConnell
COND-2015169-SP	Shelby Alyse Rohan
COND-2015170-SP	Matthew Lee Rutan
COND-2015171-SP	Theresa Seinlee Wharton
COND-2015172-SP	Ashley Diane Brigeman
COND-2015173-SP	Jennifer Lynn Obringer
COND-2015174-SP	Jamie Miller-Novak

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COND-2015175-SP	Amy Allison Drown
COND-2015176-SP	Holly Conner Lind
COND-2015177-SP	Mary Coch
COND-2015178-SP	Hayley Bennett
COND-2015179-SP	Clairessa Rae Cone

LICENSING SUMMARY

Speech-Language Pathologist	6427
Audiologist	918
Inactives AUD / SLP	38/219
Conditional SLP	365
SLP-Aide	10
AUD-Aide	50
Duals	36
TOTAL	8063

A. Applications for Review

Audiology Aides

Motion #6

Ms. Brown moved to table the initial application for Audiology Aide, number **01202015-1**. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. After discussion the motion failed.

Motion #7

Ms. Brown moved to approve the initial application for Audiology Aide, number **01202015-1**, contingent upon receiving an individualized Aide Plan. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Speech-Language Pathology Aides

None

Licensure Applications

Motion #8

Dr. Froehlich moved to approve the relicensure application for Speech-Language Pathology, number **01202015-2**, contingent upon the applicant's agreement to the following terms: work setting limited to school setting for period of one year and upon completion of 10 hours of continuing education as follows:

- 4 hours – Language therapy
- 1 hour – Articulation
- 1 hour – Fluency
- 1 hour – Ethics
- 1 hour – Rtl
- 1 hour – Due Process
- 1 hour – Augmentative Communication

If during course of one year following licensure the applicant accepts a position in a work setting, other than the school setting, the applicant shall notify the Board within 30 days of and may be required to complete a supervised mentorship, along with additional continuing education related to the practice setting. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and upon the advice of the Board's legal counsel, motion number eight was rescinded.

Motion #9

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to rescind Motion #8 approving the relicensure application for Speech-Language Pathology, number **01202015-2**. Dr. Froehlich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #10

Dr. Froehlich moved to approve the relicensure application for Speech-Language Pathology, number **01202015-2**, contingent upon the applicant accepting the following terms and contingents via a consent agreement:

- Applicant's work setting will be limited to the school setting for period of one year.

- Application will be approved upon completion of 10 hours of continuing education as follows:
 - 4 hours – Language therapy
 - 1 hour – Articulation
 - 1 hour – Fluency
 - 1 hour – Ethics
 - 1 hour – Rtl
 - 1 hour – Due Process
 - 1 hour – Augmentative Communication

- If during course of one year following licensure the applicant accepts a position in a work setting, other than the school setting, the applicant shall notify the Board within 30 days of and may be required to complete a supervised mentorship, along with additional continuing education related to the practice setting.

Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Applications

Motion #11

Dr. Froehlich moved to approve the initial application for Speech-Language Pathology, number **01202015-3**, contingent upon receipt of all documentation verifying the applicant meets the Board's licensure requirements. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Rules Committee – Tammy Brown

Ms. Brown reported that the Rules Committee will meet at the May or June board meeting to review any rules anticipated for 2015.

B. Professional Competency Committee – Linda Wellman

Dr. Wellman reported that the Professional Competency Committee met the day before this board meeting on Monday, January 19 at the Columbus Speech and Hearing Center. The Committee discussed the status of SLP Service Delivery Model survey. The Committee also plans to pursue various advocacy initiatives during 2015. Dr. Wellman reported that these initiatives will include information and other resources, such as bookmarks, diagrams, and posters about the role of the speech-language pathologist and educational audiologist in the school setting. Their roles will be distinguished from the roles of intervention specialists, reading specialists, and teachers of the deaf and hearing impaired. This will ensure that everyone understands the skilled services that SLPs and educational AUDs provide to students.

C. Policy and Procedures Committee – Amy Thorpe Wiley

Mr. Thornton reported that the Policy and Procedures Committee will review and update all board policies during 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion #12

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code. Ms. Brown seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Brown: yes; Dr. Froehlich: yes; Ms. King: yes; Ms. Mayle: yes; Dr. Mitchell: yes; Dr. Spangler: yes; Dr. Wellman: yes; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:24 a.m. and invited Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl R. Hawkinson to remain in attendance.

The Board returned to Public Session at 11:32 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence from an audiologist seeking clarification about dispensing hearing aids to a Medicaid patient. The patient would like to purchase hearing aids that are not covered by Medicaid. The audiologist asked whether she is allowed to dispense the better quality hearing aids to the patient, if the patient agrees to cover the expense out-of-pocket. The Board will advise the audiologist to contact the Ohio Department of Medicaid – Medicaid Provider Section, for clarification since the Board does not have jurisdiction over the Medicaid reimbursement requirements.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and returned to public session at: 12:34 p.m.

After board discussion, the board meeting agenda was amended as follows:

Motion #13

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to amend the board meeting agenda by adding the Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program and the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention under Board Business. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

A. Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program

Motion #14

After board discussion, Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved that the Board request the General Assembly to include appropriate funding in the FY2016-2017 budget bill to continue the Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association

Motion #15

After board discussion, Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve registrations and travel expenses for board members to attend the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association annual convention from March 19-21, 2015. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Academy of Audiology Conference

Motion #16

After board discussion, Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve registrations and travel expenses for board members to attend the Ohio Academy of Audiology conference from February 20-21, 2015. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #17

After board discussion, Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve registrations and travel expenses for board staff to attend the Ohio Academy of Audiology conference and Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association annual convention. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Board reviewed its customer satisfaction survey for 2014. The survey reflects that the Board's overall rating for satisfactory customer service is 97%. The Board commended the staff for the exceptional customer service they provide to the public.

E. Resources for Ethics Continuing Education Requirement

Mr. Thornton reported that information was recently posted to the Board's website about the new continuing education ethics requirement. Effective January 1, 2015, licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists are required to complete two hours related to ethics. The information also includes resources to assist licensees with finding appropriate continuing education programs and activities related to ethics. Information and resources is available at the following web address: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/ethics.stm>. This information will also be included in future board newsletters.

F. Strategic Planning

The Board discussed strategic initiatives for 2015. The Board will review a final draft of its strategic plan for the year at the March board meeting.

MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no member concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Ms. Amy Thorpe Wiley, Chairperson

Dr. Karen K. Mitchell, Vice Chairperson

Date

Date

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date