



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

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 21, 2014

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 8:34 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 Members 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
Linda L. Wellman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Elizabeth L. Tracy, Public 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 open forum comments from the public or professional organizations.

AGENDA

The agenda for the January 21, 2014, 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 December 3, 2013 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion #2

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2013 board meeting. Dr. Wellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. Thorpe Wiley thanked Ms. Stansberry for completing the continuing education audits for the 2011-2012 practice biennium. She also thanked the board staff for receiving exemplary ratings on the customer service satisfaction surveys for 2013. She stated that the Board appreciates everyone's collaborative efforts and hard work to ensure that the board office runs smoothly. Ms. Thorpe Wiley thanked Mr. Porter for volunteering his time to facilitate the strategic planning scheduled for the afternoon.

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 contacts
- Year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2014;
- Number of license verification letters issued since the last meeting;
- Significant legislation;
- Status of the continuing education audit campaign for the 2011-2012 practice biennium;
- Update regarding the licensure renewal campaign during the 2013-2014 practice biennium;
- Status of the Internet Hearing Aid Sales Workgroup;
- New eLicensing 2.0 System;
- Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign;
- Status of board appointments;
- 2014 Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention;
- Annual Report for FY2013;
- Ethics Financial Disclosure Statements;
- Business Filing Statements; and
- Winter eNewsletter

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.

The Board recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

There were no significant legal updates reported at the board meeting.

INVESTIGATIONS

Motion #3

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. Brown seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Ms. Brown: yes; Dr. Froehlich: yes; Dr. Mitchell: yes; Ms. Tracy: yes; Dr. Wellman: yes; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:37 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 10:49 a.m.

B. Board Actions

2014-13

This case involves an audiologist who was issued a 2012 Continuing Education Random Audit. He did not comply with his audit. He obtained audiology licensure in June 1999. At the December 3, 2013 board meeting, a Goldman Hearing was held and his license was revoked effective that day. An Adjudication Order was issued to him on 12/3/2013. He did not appeal. Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends closing this case.

Motion #4

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

2014-18

This case involves a speech-language pathology applicant who is also licensed in another state. In August of 2012 he was disciplined by the other state Board under a Consent Agreement and placed on probation for three years due to the following:

- Censured by American Speech-Language-Hearing Association December 2009;
- Four misdemeanor convictions, all from 2009, involving DUI, Reckless Endangerment and Possession of or Casual Exchange of an illicit controlled substance.

He has admitted to use and abuse of the illicit controlled substance in the past. In September of 2013 the Board received from the Respondent a copy of a "mental health, alcohol and drug assessment" he chose to have done in June of 2013. On his assessment he answered that

January 2011 was the last time he used/abused the illicit substance; however, the results of the drug screen, performed the same day, showed a positive result for the illicit substance. In July 2013 his other state license was placed in a retirement status.

Accordingly, after legal consultation with the Board's Assistant Attorney General the Investigative Review Group recommends denying this application and issuing a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for violation of Ohio Revised Code section 4753.10(J) and (O), illegal conduct and being disciplined by another state licensure board.

Motion #5

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2014-18. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

2014-22

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2012 renewal deadline for thirty (30) days of the forty-five (45) days her license was expired. She did not bill for services. At the December 3, 2013 board meeting, the Board accepted the Investigative Review Groups recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:

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

- Suspended for the same number of days her license was expired, staying half, serving suspension on designated days off (weekends, holidays etc.) commencing after the board approves their consent agreement;
- Complete 5 continuing education hours in the area of ethics and 5 hours in the area of documentation and record keeping;
- Submit proof of the 10 hours 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;
- Audit continuing education hours for the next two practice biennium periods, i.e., 2013-2014 and 2015-2016.

The Respondent agreed to the above terms and signed the Consent Agreement. Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends approval of the Consent Agreement, effective today, and closing this case.

Motion #6

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2014-22. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. Dr. Mitchell abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

C. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry

OPENED	Cases since the last Board Meeting 12/3/2013	4
CLOSED	Cases since the last board meeting 12/3/2013	4
TOTAL Open Cases	After closing any cases today (includes referrals)	34
Consumer Complaints	Of total open cases	27
Referrals	Of total open cases	7

Of the 34 cases currently open, the Investigative Categories are listed below:

Billing Fraud	1
Continuing Education Violation	1
False or Misleading Advertisement	16
Falsified/Misleading Application	1
Felony Conviction/Crime Involving Moral Turpitude	0
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	1
Misrepresentation of Credentials	1
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	1
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	2
Unlicensed Practice	2
Unprofessional Conduct	8

2012 Continuing Education (CE) Audit

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

	Audited	Responded	Reviewed	Passed	Failed
Random AUD, 5%	41	41	41	37	4
Random SLP, 5%	258	258	258	248	10
Late Renewals	162	162	162	143	19
Consent Agreements	24	24	24	22	2
Warning Letters (WL)	23	23	23	15	8
Other	7	7	7	7	0
Board Members AUD	3	3	3	3	0
Board Members SLP	2	2	2	2	0
	520	520	520	477	43

To date, of the 520 audits received, 520 have been reviewed to completeness (100% 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, zero warning letters have been issued since the last board meeting due to late submission, by 60 days or less, of the following paperwork.

- Supervised Professional Experience Report and Supervision Contacts Log
- Plan for Supervised Professional Experience (Plan)
- Worked Beyond Plan End Date

Referrals to Investigations since the last board meeting:**Pending review:**

- Plan late by more than 60 days 1

LICENSURE APPROVAL – Dr. Karen Mitchell**A. License Review****Speech-Language Pathology****Motion #7**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on December 2, 2013, December 16, 2013, January 2, 2014, and January 15, 2014. Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

December 2, 2013

SP-11077-	Lisa M. Semenovich
SP-11078-	Meredith Elise Piovarchy
SP-11079-	Kennetha S. Mentor
SP-11080-	David J. Hajjar
SP-11081-	Tara Amelia Bordelon
SP-11082-	Molly Bridgette Catalani
SP-11083-	Janice Christine Abram

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SP-4369-	Linda Sue Sickman
SP-11084-	Maegan Aubrey Reinhardt
SP-11085-	Ami Rukkarnpatega
SP-11086-	Allyson Claire Jacobs
SP-11087-	Amy Katherine Allamon

SP-11088- SP-11089-	Allison Paige Graham Djilda Faintuch	Relicensure
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January 2, 2014

SP-8113 SP-11090- SP-11091- SP-11092- SP-11093- SP-11094-	Samantha Ann Welch Paulette N. McLean Courtney Elizabeth Palma Kristy Marie Braun Thomas Stephen Kaskie Jaclyn Rose Barath	Relicensure
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January 15, 2014

SP-10290- SP-11095- SP-11096- SP-11097-	Marisha Lennelle Speights Amanda Kristen McGowan Jennifer Lee Keelor Miranda R. Camden	Relicensure
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Audiology**Motion #8**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on December 2, 2013, December 16, 2013, January 2, 2014, and January 15, 2014. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

December 2, 2013

A-01880-	Joy Michelle Glen
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December 16, 2013

A-01881- A-01882-	Rose A. Gilani Marisol America Gliatas
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January 2, 2014

A-01883-	Jill E. Stephens
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January 15, 2014

A-01884-	Martin James Mahony
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Conditional Speech-Language Pathology**Motion #9**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on December 2, 2013, December 16, 2013, January 2, 2014, and January 15, 2014. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

December 2, 2013

None

December 16, 2013

COND-2014149-SP	Kendra Ann Schlunt
COND-2014150-SP	Elizabeth Anne Brenda
COND-2014151-SP	Kelly E. Kalina
COND-2014152-SP	Taylor Anne Rogers
COND-2014153-SP	Megan Marie Greenwell
COND-2014154-SP	Jessica L. Walker

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COND-2014155-SP	Kathryn Rose Goltl
COND-2014156-SP	Marisa Renae Shepherd
COND-2014157-SP	Marissa Christine Gargano
COND-2014158-SP	Emily Alyce Logue
COND-2014159-SP	Emily Louise Mitchell
COND-2014160-SP	Mary Kate Keating
COND-2014161-SP	Rachel R. Gragg

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COND-2014162-SP	Stacy Lynn Eckstein
COND-2014163-SP	Meredith Ann Opatrny

Student Permits

None

LICENSING SUMMARY

Speech-Language Pathologist	6574
Audiologist	933
Inactives AUD / SLP	26/157
Conditional SLP	377
SLP-Aide	8
AUD-Aide	64
Duals	40
TOTAL	8179

A. Applications for Review

Audiology Aides

None

Speech-Language Pathology Aides
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None

Licensure Applications

None

Special Applications

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Rules Committee

Mr. Thornton reported that the proposed rules amending Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-4-01 to require two hours related to ethics for the 2015-2016 practice biennium have been filed with the Office of Common Sense Initiative. The Board anticipates scheduling a formal rules hearing for the March board meeting and will post information on its website and with the Ohio Register. The Board also filed with the Office of Common Sense Initiative a proposed rule for summary suspension of a licensee upon notification of a human trafficking conviction, as required under Ohio Revised Code section 4776.20.

B. Professional Competency Committee

The Professional Competency Committee will meet following the March board meeting.

C. Policy and Procedures Committee

The Policy and Procedures Committee anticipates meeting following the May board meeting.

Committee agendas announcing topics as well as specific dates, times and locations of meetings will be posted on the Board's website prior to each meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence issued since the last board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion #10

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; Dr. Mitchell: yes; Ms. Tracy: yes; Dr. Wellman: yes; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:32 a.m. and invited Mr. Thornton to remain in attendance, along with Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Esq.

Mr. Thornton excused himself at approximately 11:40 a.m.

The Board returned to Public Session at 11:51 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

A. Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Board reviewed the customer satisfaction survey for 2013. The Board achieved an exemplary rating for customer service.

B. Licensure Status Survey

The Board will review the licensure status survey at the March board meeting.

C. Professional Issues Survey

The Board reviewed the professional issues survey and will incorporate the feedback during the strategic planning meeting.

D. Strategic Planning

The Board discussed strategic initiatives for 2014. The Board will review a final draft at the March board meeting.

MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no member concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Ms. Amy Thorpe Wiley, Chairperson

Dr. Karen K. Mitchell, Vice Chairperson

Date

Date

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date