



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

Board Meeting Minutes of Thursday, March 19, 2015

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, held at the Hilton-Columbus at Easton Town Center, 3900 Chagrin Drive; Columbus, Ohio 43219.

Board Members – Roll Call:

Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, 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

Board Members Absent:

Linda L. Wellman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

Also Present:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Darlene D. Young, Executive Office Administrator

Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator

Brandy R. Thomas, Administrative Professional

Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There were no members from the public or professional organizations.

AGENDA

The agenda for the March 19, 2015, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 20, 2015 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion #2

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2015 board meeting. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. Thorpe Wiley welcomed everyone to the board meeting, which is being held during the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association annual convention. She stated that the Board is very excited to present its inaugural leadership award to Dr. Margaret M. Roberts during the convention's awards luncheon. She also congratulated Mr. Thornton for being chosen to receive the association's legislative advocacy award. She thanked Ms. Brown and Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Hawkinson for their suggestions to the final draft of the Board's strategic plan for 2014. She also thanked Mr. Thornton, Ms. Brown, and Dr. Wellman for the licensure presentation given to graduate students at the University of Cincinnati in early February. She thanked Dr. Mitchell, Ms. Brown, Dr. Spangler, Ms. Mayle, and Mr. Thornton for the presentation and representation of the Board at the Ohio Audiology Conference in February, which was sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Audiology. She thanked Ms. Brown, Dr. Mitchell, and Mr. Thornton for representing the Board at a meeting with the Ohio Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensure Board. Finally, Ms. Thorpe Wiley thanked the board staff for their team work and dedication for ensuring smooth operations in the office.

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;
- Upcoming Board presentations at the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association annual convention;
- Ethics Financial Disclosure Statements for calendar year 2014;
- State Auditor's bi-annual audit
- Spring eNewsletters; and
- Paperless board meetings

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Hawkinson reported on a recent United States Supreme Court decision which could have implications to all regulatory boards raising anti-trust defenses when their state actions are challenged on anti-trust grounds. Ms. Hawkinson stated that the Attorney General's Office is reviewing the decision and will be providing advice and guidance in the near future.

INVESTIGATIONS

A. Executive Session

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; Ms. King: yes; Ms. Mayle: yes; Dr. Mitchell: yes; Dr. Spangler: yes; Dr. Wellman: excused absence; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:13 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 10:21 a.m.

B. Board Actions

GROUPED CASES

These 5 cases are being grouped as:

- Late Renewal, Practice Under an Expired License, First Offense

The individual summary of each case is listed at the end of the Investigative Board Action section of this report.

Cases 2015-46, 2015-49, 2015-50, 2015-51, 2015-52 involve 4 speech-language pathologists and 1 audiologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline and under their expired license. For those who billed for services, billing has been adjusted. The number of days their license was expired ranged from 48 to 53 days. Accordingly the Investigative Review Group (IRG) Committee recommends the following in these 5 cases:

Due to this being the first offense for all Respondents, 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:

- Each Respondent will be suspended for the same number of days his or her license was expired, staying half, serving suspension on designated days off (weekends, holidays, etc.) commencing after the board approves their Consent Agreement;
- Each Respondent will complete 5 continuing education hours in the area of ethics and 5 hours in the area of documentation and record keeping;
- Proof of the 10 hours shall be reported to the Board 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 2015-2016 licensure biennium for renewal;
- Continuing education hours will be audited for the next two practice biennium cycles, i.e., 2015-2016 and 2017-2018.

Individual cases summaries

2015-46

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline for twenty-two (22) days of the fifty-three (53) days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure February 2003.

2015-49

This case involves an audiologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline for thirty-one (31) days of the fifty-three (53) days her license was expired. She obtained audiology licensure July 2004.

2015-50

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline for twenty-seven (27) days of the fifty-three (53) days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure October 1997.

2015-51

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline for twenty-four (24) days of the forty-eight (48) days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure July 1992.

2015- 52

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who renewed late and practiced after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline for twenty-seven (27) days of the fifty (50) days her license was expired. She obtained speech-language pathology licensure August 1989.

Motion #4

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in cases 2015-46, 2015-49, 2015-50, 2015-51, 2015-52. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Dr. Froehlich abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

C. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry

OPENED

Cases since the last Board Meeting 1/20/2015

16

CLOSED	Cases since the last board meeting 1/20/2015	10
TOTAL Open Cases	After closing any cases today (includes referrals)	29
Consumer Complaints	Of total open cases	14
Referrals	Of total open cases	15

Of the 29 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	3
Falsified/Misleading Application	0
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	0
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Other	0
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	7
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	4
Unlicensed Practice	1
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	12

2014 Continuing Education (CE) Audit

Letters will be mailed by the third week of March 2015 auditing the following licensees for their 2013-2014 licensure biennium CE clock hours:

- 10% audiologists
- 10% speech-language pathologists
- 69 that renewed after the 12/31/2014 renewal deadline (renewed 1/1/2015 through 2/6/2015)
- 89 that received prior board action

CE audit notification letters will be mailed individually to licensees who renew late after 2/6/2015 up through 12/31/2015.

LICENSURE APPROVAL – Dr. Karen Mitchell

A. License Review

Speech-Language Pathology

Motion #5

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on January 15, 2015, February 2, 2015, February 17, 2015, and March 2, 2015. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

January 15, 2015

SP-11538- Cassandra Sue Brady
SP-11539- Jessica L. Goff
SP-11540- Avital Dvora Rubin
SP-11541- Jason A. Whitfield
SP-11542- Lexie Ann Gittings
SP-11543- Allison Leigh Riggs

February 2, 2015

SP-11544- Taylor Anne Rogers
SP-11545- Danielle Marie Smith
SP-11546- Nancy Dinh Nguyen
SP-11547- Daniel Richard Barnes
SP-11548- Jenna Elizabeth Kruse
SP-11549- Stacy Lynne Eckstein
SP-11550- Megan Marie Conley
SP-11551- Chaya T. Schechter-Juravel
SP-11552- Cassandra Lynne Turic
SP-11553- Geralyn R. Timler
SP-11554- Veena Kallambettu
SP-11555- Amy F. Slovick
SP-11556- Wendy L. Ray

February 17, 2015

SP-11557- Erica Elizabeth Poeppelman
SP-11558- Mara Leigh Jenkins
SP-11559- Giselle June Dover
SP-11560- Kristen Elizabeth Page
SP-11561- Jennifer June Paulsen
SP-11562- Victoria L. Gora
SP-11563- Leah Marie Scholl
SP-11564- Jennifer A. Engelhard

March 2, 2015

SP-5438- Meredith D. Coy re-
licensure

SP-11565-	Emily Louise Mitchell
SP-11566-	Emily Jean Masterson
SP-11567-	Sarah Sabrina McCune
SP-11568-	Lindsey Singer
SP-11569-	Jordan Rebecca Welday
SP-11570-	Melinda Lynn Stokes
SP-11571-	Carrie Elizabeth Hess-Laver
SP-11572-	Sarah Marie Krakowiak
SP-11573-	Gabrielle Marie Laux
SP-11574-	Mary Kate Keating
SP-11575-	Rebecca B. Dixon
SP-11576-	Mary Elizabeth Szendrey
SP-11577-	Meredith Ann Opatrny

Audiology

Motion #6

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on January 15, 2015, February 2, 2015, February 17, 2015, and March 2, 2015. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

January 15, 2015

A-01938- Heather Kathleen Parrish

February 2, 2015

None

February 17, 2015

A-01939- Sue McDonnell Windmill
A-01940- Michelle Kimberly Van Gorden-Shannon
A-01941- Ian Malcolm Windmill

March 2, 2015

A-01942- Kent James Collins
A-01943- Tina Lynne Lubsen

Conditional Speech-Language Pathology**Motion #7**

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Conditional licenses granted by the Executive Director on January 15, 2015, February 2, 2015, February 17, 2015, and March 2, 2015. Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

January 15, 2015

COND-2015180-SP	Anne Julia Stocker
COND-2015181-SP	Ashley Nicole Sheehan
COND-2015182-SP	Hanna Kathryn Soderberg
COND-2015183-SP	Kezi Angel Selvaraj

February 2, 2015

COND-2015184-SP	Gayl Simkin King
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February 17, 2015

COND-2015185-SP	Allison Marie Walsh
COND-2015186-SP	Rachel Danielle Lee

March 2, 2015

None

LICENSING SUMMARY

Speech-Language Pathologist	6518
Audiologist	930
Inactives AUD / SLP	39 / 219
Conditional SLP	326
SLP-Aide	10
AUD-Aide	52
Duals	36
TOTAL	8130

A. Applications for Review**Audiology Aides****Motion #8**

Ms. Brown moved to provisionally approve the initial application for Audiology Aide, number **0319-CAL** contingent upon the applicant resubmitting a revised Aide Plan within fourteen

days of receipt of notification, clarifying certain duties listed on the plan. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #9

Ms. Brown moved to provisionally approve the initial application for Audiology Aide, number **0319-LIN** contingent upon the applicant resubmitting a revised Aide Plan within fourteen days of receipt of notification, clarifying certain duties listed on the plan. Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #10

Ms. Brown moved to provisionally approve the initial application for Audiology Aide, number **0319-RIN** contingent upon the applicant resubmitting a revised Aide Plan within fourteen days of receipt of notification, clarifying certain duties listed on the plan. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #11

Ms. Brown moved to provisionally approve the initial application for Audiology Aide, number **0319-REE** contingent upon the applicant resubmitting a revised Aide Plan within fourteen days of receipt of notification, clarifying certain duties listed on the plan. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #12

Ms. Brown moved to provisionally approve the initial application for Audiology Aide, number **0319-STE** contingent upon the applicant resubmitting a revised Aide Plan within fourteen days of receipt of notification, clarifying certain duties listed on the plan. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Speech-Language Pathology Aides**Motion #13**

Dr. Froehlich moved to deny the initial application for Speech-Language Pathology Aide, number **0319-COB** because the duties listed on the Aide Plan are outside the intended scope of practice for an aide. Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Licensure Applications**Motion #14**

Dr. Froehlich moved to approve the relicensure application for Speech-Language Pathology, number **0319-ZEC**. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Applications**Motion #15**

Ms. Brown moved to ratify the initial application for Audiology Aide, number **Aide.10005 A** approved by the Executive Director on 1/27/2015. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a break at 10:45 a.m. and resumed its public meeting at 11:05 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Rules Committee

The Rules Committee will meet immediately following the May or June board meeting.

B. Professional Competency Committee

The Board reviewed and accepted the committee minutes from the Professional Competency Committee's meeting on January 19, 2015. The committee will be meeting immediately following the board meeting. The Board discussed advocacy initiatives addressing the role of speech-language pathologists and educational audiologists in the school setting.

C. Policy and Procedure Committee

The Policy and Procedures Committee reported that it is in the process of reviewing and updating all of the board policies and procedures during 2015. The committee will be meeting immediately following the board meeting to review policies regarding social media and responding to public records request.

BOARD BUSINESS

A. 2015 Strategic Plan – Final Draft

The Board reviewed a final draft of the strategic plan for 2015.

Motion #16

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve the Board's strategic plan for 2015. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ohio Audiology Conference – Update

Ms. Brown, Dr. Mitchell, Ms. Mayle, and Mr. Thornton updated the Board about its presentation at the Ohio Audiology Conference in February. The presentation covered licensure board updates and ethics. The Ohio Academy of Audiology thanked the Board for its presentation and noted the many positive comments received from their members.

C. Board Leadership Award – Update

Motion #17

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved that the Board name Dr. Margaret M. Roberts as the recipient of its inaugural leadership award for 2015. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program – Update

At its January meeting, the Board determined to advocate for continued funding of the Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program in the budget bill. The Board approved a letter that will be sent to Rep. Kirk Schuring expressing support for continued funding of this important program to ensure eligible children receive hearing aids.

E. Board Survey – SLP Service Delivery Model – Update

The Board reviewed a summary of the results collected from the SLP Service Delivery Model survey. Over 700 licensees who practice in the school setting responded to the Board's invitation to complete the survey from July through December 2014. Licensees who completed the survey had an opportunity to comment on the impact caseloads are having on their service delivery to students. The Board is in the process of organizing the comments and plans to have further discussion about the survey at its May board meeting.

F. CE Requirements for Relicensure and Restoration

The Board clarified that any continuing education hours a licensure applicant submits for relicensure or restoration should meet the current continuing education requirements, which includes at least two hours related to ethics.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and returned to public session at 1:30 p.m.

G. Board Communications Via Social Media – Update

Administrative Professional Brandy Thomas reported on the status of the Board's new Facebook page, planned for release in May. Ms. Thomas presented examples of various types of communications that would be posted and explained how the page would be maintained. The Board is in the process of finalizing a social media policy.

H. Licensure Statistics – Update

The Board received a final report regarding the licensure renewal campaign and licensure statistics. Mr. Thornton reported that the licensure statistics will be shared with interested parties, such as national and state associations and various universities. The information will also be incorporated in future board presentations.

I. Resources for Ethics Continuing Education Requirement

Mr. Thornton reported that the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) will be creating a continuing education code for ethics related programs. This will allow ASHA to transmit ethics related continuing education hours directly to CE Broker.

J. Legislative Reception – April 14

The Board will have representation at the Legislative Reception, sponsored by the Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition on April 14.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence since the last board meeting. The Board reviewed correspondence from Dwyer Conklyn regarding a proposed music therapy bill. The Board requested that Mr. Thornton invite Mr. Conklyn to a future board meeting. The Board also reviewed a request from the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association to approve a self-study activity for four hours of continuing education, with two hours related to ethics.

Motion#18

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association eHearsay Journal entitled, "Supervision and Ethics" (Spring 2014 edition, Vol. 4, Number 1) for four hours of continuing education, with two hours related to ethics for the 2015-2016 practice biennium. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no member concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Ms. Amy Thorpe Wiley, Chairperson

Dr. Karen K. Mitchell, Vice Chairperson

Date

Date

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date