



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

**Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 5, 2010**

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairperson, Valenta Ward-Gravely, Au.D., held at Vern Riffe Center for Government, 77 South High St., 31<sup>st</sup> Floor- Board Room, Columbus, OH 43215.

**Members present:**

Valenta Ward-Gravely, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Chairperson  
Helene Levenfus, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Vice Chairperson  
Loretta T. Embry, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member  
J. Paul Good, Public Member  
Jane M. Kukula, Au.D., Audiology Board Member  
Patricia L. Leppla, M.A., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member  
Malcolm J. Porter, Public Member  
Amy K. Thorpe, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

**Also Present:**

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director  
Michelle Cunningham, Licensing Administrator  
Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator  
Melissa L. Wilburn, Assistant Attorney General

**OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no comments.

**AGENDA**

The agenda for the October 5, 2010, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed. The following amendments were made: Assistant Attorney General's Report will be moved to the afternoon session immediately following the Rules Hearing.

**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 August 13, 2010, board meeting were reviewed.

### **Motion #2**

Mr. Good moved to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2010, Board meeting. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. Dr. Kukula abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Ward-Gravely noted that this would be her last board meeting serving on the Board since her term will expire and she will not be eligible for re-appointment. She is excited about the Board's direction under the leadership of the Executive Director, Gregg B. Thornton. Dr. Ward-Gravely has enjoyed working with fellow board members on issues that affect consumers and the professions in the State of Ohio.

Dr. Ward-Gravely acknowledged Mr. Good's selection as a recipient for Alumnus of the Year Award by the Poland Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence.

Dr. Ward-Gravely also welcomed Brandy Thomas, a temporary employee with ProTeam Staffing who is assisting with licensure renewals and the scanning project.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thornton submitted a written report of significant activities occurring since the last Board meeting. The following is a summary. The complete written report may be obtained by contacting the board office.

- Reported on significant meetings, presentations, and events;
- Several university presentations have been scheduled for the fall and will be reported on at the December board meeting;
- The Board's summer e-newsletter was distributed to licensees, as well as individuals who registered with the board's Listserv;
- Reported on the Board's expenditures and revenue for FY2011;
- The licensure renewal campaign commenced the last week of August 2010, with renewals letters being mailed to all active licensees. The majority of licensees are renewing their license online. The Licensing Administrator will provide additional information during her report.
- Updated the Board regarding a meeting on September 7, 2010, with the Ohio Department of Education – Office for Exceptional Children related to caseloads. Additional information will be discussed under Board Business.
- Updated the Board regarding a meeting on September 15, 2010, with the Ohio Department of Education – OMNIE SLP Advisory Group. This group meets on a regular basis to discuss the status of various OMNIE initiatives that were developed to address shortages. OMNIE announced that it would phase out all initiatives by 2013,

including the student intern program. Additional information will be shared with Ms. Embry and Ms. Thorpe about the application process for student permits in order to improve the Board's review process.

- The Board's Annual Report for FY2010 will be submitted to the Governor's Office by November 1, 2010.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel Matters

#### **Motion #3**

Ms. Thorpe 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. Mr. Porter seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Mr. Good: yes; Dr. Kukula: yes; Ms. Leppla: yes; Mr. Porter: yes; Ms. Thorpe; Dr. Ward-Gravelly: yes.

The motion carried.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 11:02 A.M. The Board invited Mr. Thornton to remain in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 11:28 A.M.*

Mr. Thornton reported that the Board of Trustees for the Public Employees Retirement System approved Deborah Howard, Administrative Assistant for disability retirement, effective September 1, 2010.

#### **Motion #4**

Ms. Thorpe moved that the Board authorize Mr. Thornton to fill the vacant position for Administrative Assistant as soon as it is practical to do so. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board directed Mr. Thornton to prepare an appropriate letter acknowledging Ms. Howard's years of service with the Board.

### **INVESTIGATIONS**

#### **A. Executive Session**

#### **Motion #5**

Dr. Kukula 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. Embry seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Mr. Good: yes; Dr. Kukula: yes; Ms. Leppla: yes; Mr. Porter: yes; Ms. Thorpe; Dr. Ward-Gravelly: yes.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 11:32 A.M. and invited the Board staff to remain in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 11:54 A.M.*

## **B. Board Actions**

### **2010-30**

This case involves a conditional speech-language pathologist who was working full time at one location and picked up PRN hours at a second location and with the same supervisor. The Respondent submitted their second Supervised Professional Experience Plan (Plan) 215 days late. The Respondent obtained full licensure on 7/1/2010. At the August 13, 2010 board meeting, the Board accepted the Investigative Review Groups (IRG) recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms and conditions:

1. *Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:*
  - a. *Complete 5 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) in the area of documentation and record keeping, due 60 days from the approval of the Consent Agreement.*
  - b. *Audit CEU's for 2 renewal cycles.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

**Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement and close the case.**

### **Motion #6**

Dr. Kukula moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2010-30. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. Dr. Ward-Gravely abstained. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

### **2010-31**

This case involves a conditional speech-language pathologist who did not submit their Supervised Professional Experience Plan (Plan) in a timely manner. Employment began 8/24/2009. The Plan was received 5/21/2010. It was 240 days late. The Plan listed the Supervised Professional Experience start date as 5/1/2010. The conditional license was issued 9/1/2009 and expires on 3/1/2011. At the August 13, 2010 board meeting the Board accepted the Investigative Review Groups (IRG) recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms and conditions:

1. *Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:*
  - a. *Accept the Plan as it is with the start date 5/1/2010 and end date 1/8/2011.*
  - b. *Complete 10 education hours in the area of documentation, due 90 days from the approval of the Consent Agreement.*
  - c. *Complete 10 more education hours in the area of documentation, due 30 days before the conclusion of the Supervised Professional Experience.*
  - d. *Audit continuing education for 2 renewal cycles once fully licensed.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

**Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement and close the case.**

#### **Motion #7**

Ms. Thorpe moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2010-31. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

#### **2010-34**

This case involves a conditional speech-language pathologist who submitted their Supervised Professional Experience Report and Supervision Contacts Log late by 89 days. This person became fully licensed on 6/1/2010.

**Accordingly the Investigative Review Group recommends the following:**

1. *Due to this being the Respondents first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:*
  - a. *Complete 10 hours of continuing education in the area of documentation and record keeping.*
  - b. *Submit proof of these 10 hours 90 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.*

#### **Motion #8**

Dr. Kukula moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2010-34. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

#### **2010-37**

This case involves a conditional speech-language pathologist who did not submit their Supervised Professional Experience Plan (Plan) in a timely manner. Their Supervised Professional Experience (Experience) and employment began on 8/31/2009. The Plan was received on 6/15/2010, 288 days late. The conditional license was issued on 8/17/2009 and expires on 2/17/2011. At the August 13, 2010 board meeting the Board accepted the Investigative Review Groups (IRG) recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms and conditions:

1. *Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:*
  - a. *Repeat the Plan with a new start date of 6/15/2010.*
  - b. *Complete 10 education hours in the area of documentation, due 90 days from the approval of the Consent Agreement.*
  - c. *The Respondent shall apply for a second conditional license 30 days prior to the expiration of their current conditional license which expires on 2/17/2011.*
  - d. *Complete 10 more education hours in the area of documentation, due 30 days before the conclusion of the Experience.*
  - e. *Audit continuing education for 2 renewal cycles once fully licensed.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

**Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement and close the case.**

#### **Motion #9**

Ms. Thorpe moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2010-37. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

#### **2011-01**

This case involves a conditional speech-language pathologist who did not submit their Supervised Professional Report (Report) and Supervision Contacts Log (Log) in a timely manner. The Report and Log were received 113 days after their Supervised Professional Experience ended. The Respondent was fully licensed on 7/15/2010. At the August 13, 2010 board meeting the Board accepted the Investigative Review Groups (IRG) recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms and conditions:

1. *Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:*
  - a. *Complete 10 hours of continuing education in the area of documentation and record keeping.*
  - b. *Submit proof of these 10 hours 90 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

**Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement and close the case.**

#### **Motion #10**

Ms. Thorpe moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-01. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

#### **2011-02**

This case involves a conditional speech-language pathologist who practiced for 45 days after their conditional license expired. Their Supervised Professional Experience Plan (Plan) was submitted 520 days late. Their Supervised Professional Experience Report (Report) and Supervision Contacts Log (Log) were submitted 247 days late. The employer that provided the Supervised Professional Experience (Experience) indicated that the Respondent was unable to keep up with the employers' required paperwork and that they did not want to support the Respondent's second round of Experience. The Respondent resigned on 7/9/2010. The Board received a second application for Conditional licensure on 7/6/2010. It did not indicate current employment. At the August 13, 2010 board meeting the Board accepted the Investigative Review Groups (IRG) recommendation to offer a Consent Agreement with the following terms and conditions:

1. *Due to this being the Respondent's first offense and based on unlicensed practice, submitting the Plan late, submitting the Report and Log late, and the second application not reflecting current employment, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:*

- a. *The second conditional application may be considered for approval upon the Respondent demonstrating satisfactory completion of the following conditions:*
  - i. *Have employment.*
  - ii. *Have a supervisor agreeing to supervise the Respondent's Supervised Professional Experience Year.*
  - iii. *Log must be submitted 30 days from the start of employment and then again six months from employment.*
  - iv. *Submit final Log within 30 days of completion of supervised professional experience.*

The Respondent agreed to the above-terms and signed the Consent Agreement.

**Accordingly the IRG recommends the Board accept the Consent Agreement and close the case.**

### **Motion #11**

Dr. Kukula moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-02. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

### **2011-03**

This case involves a conditional speech-language pathologist that submitted their Supervised Professional Experience Plan late by 297 days. The conditional license expires on 2/3/2011. The Plan listed the beginning date for Supervised Professional Experience (Experience) as 8/25/2010 and the ending date as 6/3/2011.

**Accordingly the Investigative Review Group recommends the following:**

1. *Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:*
  - a. *Complete 10 education hours in the area of documentation, due 90 days from the approval of the Consent Agreement.*
  - b. *Complete 10 additional education hours in the area of documentation, due 30 days before the conclusion of the Experience ending date.*
  - c. *The Consent Agreement will reflect a start date of 8/25/2010 and an ending date of 6/3/2011.*
  - d. *The Respondent shall apply for a second conditional license 30 days prior to the expiration of their current conditional license which expires on 2/3/2011.*
  - e. *Upon full licensure, the Respondent shall be audited for continuing education for the next two renewal cycles.*

### **Motion #12**

Dr. Kukula moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-03. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

### **2011-13**

This case involves a conditional speech-language pathologist who submitted their Supervised Professional Experience Report and Supervision Contacts Log late by 76 days. Respondent became fully licensed on 9/15/2010.

**Accordingly the Investigative Review Group recommends the following:**

1. *Due to this being the Respondent's first offense, offer a Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions:*
  - a. *Complete 10 hours of continuing education in the area of documentation and record keeping.*
  - b. *Submit proof of these 10 hours 90 days from the date the Board approves the Consent Agreement.*

**Motion #13**

Dr. Kukula moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2011-13. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed uncontested.

**C. Investigative Report - Ms. Stansberry****Cases Summary**

<b>OPENED</b>	since the last Board Meeting 8/13/2010	8
<b>CLOSED</b>	since the last board meeting 8/13/2010	11
<b>REFERRALS</b>		10
<b>Total OPEN</b>		20

**Of the number of cases prior to closing today:**

Ceu Audit	0
Falsifying Documents/Unethical	1
Late Plan	4
Late Report and Log	5
Late Plan, Report and Log	0
Misrepresentation (Misleading Advertisement)	4
Misrepresentation Other	0
Unlicensed Practice	1
Unprofessional	4
Unlicensed Practice, Late Plan, Late Report and Log	1

**LICENSURE APPROVAL – Dr. Levenfus****A. License Review****Speech-Language Pathology****Motion #14**

Dr. Levenfus moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on August 16, 2010, September 1, 2010, September 15, 2010 and October 1, 2010. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**August 16, 2010**

Sarah	Hester	SP.9815
Elizabeth	Prada	SP.9816
Leah	Wondrak	SP.9817
Mary	Sweeney	SP.9818
Kristen	Stachowski	SP.9819
Lindsay	Combs	SP.9820
Stacy	Gerschutz	SP.9821
Jessica	Carlson	SP.9822
Caroline	Bollentino	SP.9823
Poornima	Nanjundaswamy	SP.9824

**September 1, 2010**

Nancy	Paullin-Vigil	SP.7872
Beth	McCall	SP.9825
Beverly	Toutain	SP.9826
Lindsay	Kodramaz	SP.9827
Raelene	Persad-Maharaj	SP.9828
Stephanie	Finical	SP.9829
Mallory	Martin	SP.9830
Erica	Dunham	SP.9831
Laureen	Hardenbrook	SP.9832
Angela	Grice	SP.9833

**September 15, 2010**

Holly	McLaughlin	SP.6930
Christopher	O'Connell	SP.9834
Shannon	Long	SP.9835
Sara	Bailey	SP.9836
Sirad	Shirdon	SP.9837
Alecia	Carrocci	SP.9838
Julie	Roberts	SP.9839
Lee	Michna	SP.9840
Audrey	MacWood	SP.9841

**October 1, 2010**

Janice	Cline	SP.4277
Albert	Hahn	SP.5372
Chelsey	Pisegna	SP.9842
Jessica	Conard	SP.9843
David	Hamilton	SP.9844
Jean	Rivera Perez	SP.9845

Ahmed	Rivers	SP.9846
Caitlin	Fritz	SP.9847
Jeffrey	Marler	SP.9848
Jamie	Flaherty	SP.9849
Ashley	Callion	SP.9850

<b>Audiology</b>
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**Motion #15**

Dr. Levenfus moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on August 16, 2010, September 1, 2010, September 15, 2010 and October 1, 2010. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**August 16, 2010**

Amanda	Keefe	A.01755
Michelle	Lerch	A.01756
Abigail	Dirmeyer	A.01757
Ruchi	Sharma	A.01758
Manda	Werle-Adams	A.01759
Molly	Simpson	A.01760

**September 1, 2010**

Tammy	Zirke	A.01363
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**September 15, 2010**

Jamie	Hadley	A.01180
Rita	Knapp	A.01761

**October 1, 2010**

Albert	Hahn	A.01124
Shannyn	Ward	A.01762

<b>Conditional Speech-Language Pathology</b>
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**Motion #16**

Dr. Levenfus moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on August 16, 2010, September 1, 2010, September 15, 2010 and October 1, 2010. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**August 16, 2010**

Connie	Hartman	COND.2011042
Stacy	Cole	COND.2011043
Jana	Randazzo	COND.2011044
Bethany	McFerin	COND.2011045

Jennifer	Perkins	COND.2011046
Emily	Powell	COND.2011047
Lesley	Wickham	COND.2011048
Jillian	Zak	COND.2011049
Ashley	Andino	COND.2011050
Meredith	Smith	COND.2011051
Tela	McCullough	COND.2011052
Julie	Sekerak	COND.2011053
Ann	Flanigan	COND.2011054
Travis	Cooper	COND.2011055
Jennifer	Elerick	COND.2011056
Aimee	Cummins	COND.2011057
Tiffany	Kaiser	COND.2011058
Pamela	Floyd	COND.2011059
Kristen	Vajda	COND.2011060
Amy	Flor	COND.2011061
Susan	Synold	COND.2011062
Susan	Wetli	COND.2011063
Saralyn	Chickos-Scherley	COND.2011064
Sherly	Kennedy	COND.2011065
Rachel	Bear	COND.2011066
Breann	Ragor	COND.2011067
Allison	Moran	COND.2011068
Jessica	Kruscke	COND.2011069
Jessica	Baronti	COND.2011070
Maryanne	Holbert	COND.2011071
Kaci	Osborne	COND.2011072
Vincci	Chan	COND.2011073
Sara	Button	COND.2011074
Mary	Litke	COND.2011075
Brooke	Steele	COND.2011076
Caroline	Banks	COND.2011077
Brianne	Bush	COND.2011078
Sharon	Sullivan	COND.2011079
Katherine	Magelaner	COND.2011080
Mary	Fuertges	COND.2011081
Carrie	Boyd	COND.2011082
Megan	Modney	COND.2011083
Crystal	Talbert	COND.2011084
Becki	Anderson	COND.2011085
Javonne	Mullins	COND.2011086

Alyson	Heiney	COND.2011087
Jaclyn	Walton	COND.2011088
Kerri	Biggs	COND.2011089
Emily	Church	COND.2011090

**September 1, 2010**

Alaina	Wolfe	COND.2011091
Claire	Frasure	COND.2011092
Molly	Moorman	COND.2011093
Elizabeth	MacConnell	COND.2011094
Callie	Scott	COND.2011095
Lindsay	Brumfield	COND.2011096
Danielle	DeLuca	COND.2011097
Renee	Warren	COND.2011098
Katie	Taylor	COND.2011099
Bobbi	Ingaldson	COND.2011100
Alisha	Wright	COND.2011101
Erin	Govert	COND.2011102
Jessica	Hanson	COND.2011103
Christina	Wheeler	COND.2011104
Thomas	Walsh	COND.2011105
Amanda	Reece	COND.2011106
Yona	Rozen	COND.2011107
Karen	Goske	COND.2011108
Rachel	Thomas	COND.2011109
Melissa	Majewski	COND.2011110
Benjamin	Coon	COND.2011111
Elizabeth	Dritt	COND.2011112
Allison	Sebastian	COND.2011113
Shanna	Massaro	COND.2011114
Katharine	Rex	COND.2011115
Amanda	Bisson	COND.2011116
Jacqueline	Landers	COND.2011117
Shelley	May	COND.2011118
Heather	Evans	COND.2011119
Megan	Exner	COND.2011120
Alea	Newsom	COND.2011121
Jodi	Newcomer	COND.2011122
Samantha	Lyle	COND.2011123
Jaclyn	Becker	COND.2011124
Meredith	Baron	COND.2011125

Sarah	Best	COND.2011126
Elea	Asher	COND.2011127
Amy	Harsha	COND.2011128
Andreana	Somich	COND.2011129
Jenna	Rayburn	COND.2011130
Nicole	Bowers	COND.2011131
Emily	Boyer	COND.2011132
Kathleen	Baker	COND.2011133
Amber	Murnahan	COND.2011134
Brooke	Davis	COND.2011135
Dayna	Vivacqua	COND.2011136
Taylor	Vild	COND.2011137
Erin	Dillon	COND.2011138
Erin	Fleeter	COND.2011139
Kristen	Deyhle	COND.2011140
Lauren	Dutton	COND.2011141
Allyssa	Dible	COND.2011143

**September 15, 2010**

Tasha	Davis	COND.2011142
Arnold	Olszewski	COND.2011144
Diana	Linton	COND.2011145
Brittany	Davis	COND.2011146
Vanessa	Smith	COND.2011147
Anna	Fredman	COND.2011148
Cynthia	Nambiar	COND.2011149
Kelly	Creger	COND.2011150
Berkeley	DiNicola	COND.2011152

**October 1, 2010**

Maria	Golla	COND.2011151
Danielle	Cudone	COND.2011153
Toni	Tamburino	COND.2011154
Lisa	Davis	COND.2011155
Brigid	Maher	COND.2011156
Caroline	Dunn	COND.2011157
Jeannine	Danis	COND.2011158

**Student Permit****Motion #17**

Dr. Levenfus moved to ratify the Student Permit Extension granted by the Executive Director September 1, 2010. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **September 1, 2010**

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### **Licensure Renewal Summary**

Ms. Cunningham reported that 16% of the active licensees have already renewed their license for the next licensure biennium (2011-12), which will begin on January 1, 2011.

### **Licensing Summary**

Speech-Language Pathologist	6146
Audiologist	973
Conditional SLP	361
Permit Holders	44
SLP-Aide	19
AUD-Aide	69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,612</b>

### **B. Applications for Review**

There were no complete applications requiring blind review for the time period August 16, 2010 – October 5, 2010.

### **Special Requests**

#### **Motion #18**

Ms. Thorpe moved to approve the request to waive the supervisor qualification stipulated in OAC 4753(D)(1)(b) of 24 months of full time clinical experience in the past 60 months for Julie C Wolfe (SP.6009). Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Motion #19**

Ms. Embry moved to approve the request to waive the supervisor qualification stipulated in OAC 4753(D)(1)(b) of 24 months of full time clinical experience in the past 60 months for Suzanne Halstead (SP.6151). Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Motion #20**

Ms. Thorpe moved to approve the request to Concurrently Supervise More Than 4 Persons Completing SPE for Barbara Conrad (SP.2923). Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Licensure Report was continued until after the lunch recess.

*The Board recessed for lunch at 12:45 P.M. and returned to Public Session at 1:30 P.M.*

The Licensure Report was continued until after the Rules Hearing.

**FORMAL RULES HEARING pursuant to Chapter 119 Ohio Revised Code.**

At 1:30 P.M. the Board conducted a Public Rules Hearing.

***The following rule was proposed as an Amended rule:***

- 4753-3-04 – Education requirements for licensure for grandfathering for audiology licensure

The Rules Hearing concluded at 1:45 P.M.

**Licensure Report – Ms. Cunningham**

Ms. Cunningham recommended that the Board establish a procedure for obtaining expedited Board review and approval for special requests related to SPE Plans.

After discussion the Board entertained the following motion:

**Motion #21**

Dr. Kukula moved that on the recommendation of the SLP Review Committee, the Executive Director is authorized to approve requests to waive the supervisory qualifications of 24 months of full time clinical experience in the past 60 months and the requirement that no supervision of persons completing the professional experience may concurrently supervise more than 4 supervisees. The Executive Director's approval(s) will be subject to ratification by the full Board. Ms. Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cunningham recommended that the Board establish a procedure for documentation of Supervisor Adjustment of Duties for supervisors concurrently supervising more than one permit holder and/or conditional licensee.

After discussion the Board entertained the following motion:

**Motion #22**

Ms. Thorpe moved that the Board authorize the Licensing Administrator to request a letter of modification of duties from supervisors of Conditional Licensees who also supervise student permit holders. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cunningham updated the Board regarding the assessment of the eLicense database, which is utilized by the Board, along with other regulatory boards. She reported that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) determined that the eLicense system is antiquated and recommended that the database system be replaced. DAS has not finalized a time frame for replacement of the system, which will be contingent upon available funding.

Ms. Cunningham updated the Board about her enrollment in the Ohio Certified Public Manager Program and explained how her participation in the program is having an immediate positive benefit for the Board.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**A. Board Member Appointments – Update**

Mr. Thornton updated the Board regarding the status of board appointments. It is anticipated that board appointments will be announced later this month. Mr. Thornton indicated that he would notify the Board as soon as the appointments are made by the Governor's Office.

**B. Ohio Department of Education Student Case Load Work Group – Update**

Ms. Leppla and Mr. Thornton reported on their September 7, 2010, meeting with Dr. Kathe Shelby, Director of the Office for Exceptional Children (OEC) to discuss the issue of service provider ratios in school settings. They attended the meeting, along with other interested parties who formed a workgroup committee. As previously reported at the August board meeting, this workgroup committee was formed in June to support legislation which would require OEC to conduct a time study of certain related service providers in school districts.

During the meeting on September 7, 2010, Dr. Shelby reported that OEC was seeking multiple partners for a Caseload Ratio Project to help identify appropriate methods for calculating service-provider caseload ratios for services provided to students with disabilities through a Request for Proposals (RFP). The following is a summary of OEC's RFP, which was posted on their website:

Each project applicant may apply for up to \$35,000 to fund the development of a plan for determining student caseload ratios for intervention specialists and related services personnel. City, local and exempted village school districts; community schools; educational service centers; and county boards of developmental disabilities may apply. Proposals must be submitted electronically to ODE at [exceptionalchildren@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:exceptionalchildren@ode.state.oh.us) by Oct. 15.

Selected districts and agencies will use their funds in developing plans no later than June 30, 2011. OEC then will analyze all project plans to arrive at the best approaches for calculating the ratios. These approaches then can serve as models for districts or agencies statewide.

Project participants who successfully complete plans by June 2011 may apply for a second round of funding for implementing their plans during the following school year. Awarding of these second-year funds will be contingent on OEC's review of applications and the availability of IDEA Part-B funds.

Ms. Leppla and Mr. Thornton reported that the workgroup committee provided Dr. Shelby with a copy of the proposed legislation calling for a time study.

All parties pledged to continue working together and to keep lines of communication open. Dr. Shelby stated that her office would schedule a meeting in the near future to share information about the RFP project. She indicated that ODE is committed to supporting fifty (50) school districts. During the discussion the Board noted that some Conditional Licensees who were formally Student Permit Holders misunderstood that their maximum caseload size

would continue to be 50. The current maximum caseload based on ODE guidelines is eighty (80).

Mr. Thornton reported that the Board included information about OEC's RFP in its September 9, 2010, e-Newsletter that was distributed to active licensees. There is also information posted on the home page of the Board's website, which includes a link to the RFP application.

### **C. OSSPEAC Conference – October 24-26, 2010; Board member presenters**

The Board confirmed that Ms. Embry and Ms. Leppla would represent the Board at the Ohio School Speech Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio, and join Mr. Thornton and Ms. Cunningham for the Chat Room discussion on Monday, October 25, 2010, at 12:00 noon. The discussion will include a PowerPoint presentation about the role of the Board and duties of board members. The presentation will also include updates and discussion about licensure renewal and issues primarily focused towards speech-language pathologists and educational audiologists practicing in the school setting.

### **D. Sale of Hearing Aids via the Internet**

After discussion, the Board authorized Mr. Thornton and the Board's Assistant Attorney General to meet with the Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition and the Executive Director of the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensure Board about the issue of the sale of hearing aids via the Internet. The Board noted that it would like additional information on this topic in order to understand its role and purpose before considering any formal board action. The Board would like Mr. Thornton to inform the audiology board members of the meeting date.

### **E. NCSB Conference – October 14-16, 2010**

The Board reviewed information submitted by Dr. Levenfus about the topics that will be covered at the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology's (NCSB) Annual Conference. The Board has a long and established history with this national association whose mission is to facilitate the role of state licensure boards through communication and education. The Board discussed its policy for out of state travel by board members and received an estimate of travel expenses from Dr. Levenfus. After further discussion the Board determined that attending this conference supports the Board's critical mission.

### **Motion #23**

Ms. Leppla moved to approve travel expenses not to exceed \$1,500 for Dr. Levenfus to attend the NCSB annual conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico from October 14-16, 2010. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. Dr. Levenfus abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Business was postponed until after the Assistant Attorney General's Report

## **ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

### **Motion #24**

Ms. Thorpe moved to enter Executive Session to confer with the Attorney General's

Representative on matters of pending imminent court action pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(3), of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Porter seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Mr. Good: yes; Dr. Kukula: yes; Ms. Leppla: yes; Mr. Porter: yes; Ms. Thorpe: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes.

*The motion carried.*

*The Board went into Executive Session at 2:45 P.M. The Board invited the staff to remain in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 3:02 P.M.*

*The Board resumed Board Business.*

#### **F. Review of Public Comments to Proposed Rule for Use of Otoscope by Aides**

The Board reviewed the public comments submitted by the Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition regarding a proposed rule for use of otoscope by aides. After discussion the Board took no formal action and will continue to accept public comments through December 2010.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

##### **A. Rules Committee – Ms. Loretta Embry**

Ms. Embry reported that the Rules Committee plans to meet on December 1, 2010, to discuss the rules scheduled for five-year review during 2011.

##### **B. Professional Competency Committee – Dr. Jane Kukula**

Dr. Kukula reported that the Professional Competency Committee met on October 4, 2010. The Board reviewed the committee's minutes from its meeting on May 5, 2010. Dr. Kukula reported that the committee is still researching issues to ensure continued competency among the professions and will have recommendations for the Board to consider in 2011.

##### **C. Ad Hoc Committee on Equivalent Qualifications for SLP Licensure – Ms. Amy Thorpe**

Ms. Thorpe reported that the next step for Ad Hoc Committee on Equivalent Qualifications for SLP Licensure is to seek legal advice from the Board's Assistant Attorney General regarding the parameters the Board can consider when determining equivalent qualifications from non-traditional applicants. Final recommendations will be submitted to the Board in 2011. In September 2010, the Board reported in its e-newsletter that it is not considering re-opening grandfathering for speech-language pathology.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board discussed the following correspondence and directed Mr. Thornton to respond accordingly:

A. Name: Ellen Friedman – Topic: Vital Simulation

- o The Executive Director previously responded to Ms. Friedman’s questions after receiving board member input. The Board agreed that Mr. Thornton’s initial response was consistent with the Board’s views and that Ms. Friedman’s additional questions are beyond the scope of the Board’s jurisdiction. Mr. Thornton will follow-up with Ms. Friedman accordingly.

**MEMBER CONCERNS**

Dr. Levenfus indicated that her primary focus at the NCSB Annual Conference would include topics covering continuing education standards, telepractice, and internet sales of hearing aids.

Mr. Good recommended that the Board reserve a date in November for a special board meeting in case board appointments are not made prior to the December 2 regular board meeting. The Board reserved November 9, 2010, as the date for a special board meeting, if called by the Chairperson.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Thorpe moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Kukula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 P.M.

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Dr. Valenta Ward-Gravely, Chairperson

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Dr. Helene Levenfus, Vice Chair

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