



Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

AGENDA

Friday, April 19, 2024
Board Office

8:30 a.m.
37283 Swamp Road, Suite 3B, Prairieville, LA

Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call

Mission Statement

The Board exists because the legislature declared that "in order to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare, to protect the public from incompetent, unscrupulous, and unauthorized persons, and from unprofessional conduct by speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech-language pathology assistants, it is necessary to provide regulatory authority over persons offering speech-language pathology and audiology services to the public."

Public Comments

Agenda

Minutes

1. Minutes of February 2, 2024 (p. 3)

Executive Session

1. Review of New Complaint
 - a. Complaint #2024-06 (p. 15)
 - b. Complaint #2024-07 (p. 17)
 - c. Complaint #2024-08 (p. 18)
 - d. Complaint #2024-09 (p. 19)
2. Review of Pending Complaints
 - a. Complaint #2023-12 (p. 20)
 - b. Complaint #2024-02
 - c. Complaint #2024-05
 - d. Complaint #2023-08 (p. 24)
3. Review of Applications
 - a. CM (p. 41)
 - b. KN (p. 65)
 - c. KM (p. 85)
 - Full or Provisional SLPs and/or AUDs (p.)
 - SLP Assistant and Provisional SLP Assistants
 - Upgrades
 - Reinstatements

Financials

1. Financial statements for the months ended November 30, 2023 - December 31, 2023 (p.)
2. Professional legal contracts/AG Maximum rates increased (p.)
3. Contract renewal for Kathie Pohlmann, IPP

Compliance Hearing

11:00 Annie Thibodaux (p.)

Admin Review

1. Executive Director Update (p.)
2. Procedural changes regarding practice without a license (p.)
3. Federal Military licensure laws (p.)
4. Board Operations/LBESPA Processing (p.)
5. Impaired Professionals Program Report(s) (p.)
6. Consumer Flyer (p.)
7. National Speech-Language Hearing Month (formerly Better Hearing and Speech Month)
8. June 2024 Board Meeting Date Changed to May 24, 2024
9. Criminal Background Check Table (consider revision for records over 5 yrs old) (p.)
10. Annual School Report list (ensure all districts are represented) (p.)
11. Louisiana Legislative Session 2024 Bill Review (p.)
12. Executive Order JML 24-05 (p.)
13. Federal Employee Program Blue Cross Blue Shield hearing aid coverage guidelines (p.)

Correspondence

1. Email dated February 29, 2024, from Brittany Garay regarding school evaluations (p.)
2. Email dated March 5, 2024, from Steve Harris regarding Audiologists billing in schools (p.)
3. Email dated March 26, 2024, from Rosemary Kerrin regarding scope of practice questions (p.)
4. Email dated April 15, 2024, from Natalie Matherne regarding AAC and the scope of practice of SLP Assistants

Compliance Hearing

1:00 Brandie Olsen (p.)

Conference(s)

NCSB (National Council of State Boards of Examiners)

1. 37th Annual Workshop and Conference, September 26-28, 2024, San Antonio, Texas (p.)
2. Ballot and Voting Results (p.)
3. Call for Awards Nominations (p.)
4. Call for Board of Directors Nominations (p.)

Posted Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

All agenda item times listed are approximate.

Agency Representative to contact for Disability Accommodations: Jolie Jones, (225) 313-6358, jjones@lbespa.org

ED Update:

Compliance Hearings in person

Application wording suggestions from Jim

Board Member Laptops

Board Member Appointments

Update on Covalent Logic changes: (Application approval letters, renewal and upgrade resubmissions, application/profession type change, autopublish milestones, milestone automation, denied for compliance hearing status added for apps and upgrades. Next: Automated Verification of License.

Cov Logic mess up with license number on certificates (employer called while verifying a license and the number on the certificate did not match the number on the card)

Remind board members about Board of Ethics Tier 2.1 filing by May 15th

Future meeting:

Look at telehealth definitions and LA R.S. 40:1223.3 (Act322 was SB66)

Board member vacant positions:

Annette (9/21/23)

Jerrilyn (1/11/2024)

Erica (2/02/24)

Glenn (2/22/24)