

**Louisiana Board of Examiners for
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology**

April 10, 2015

Attending:

**Stephen J. Harris, L-SLP/AUD, Chairperson
Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Vice Chairperson
Daphne Washington, L-SLP, Secretary/Treasurer
Tammy Crawford, L-SLP, Board Member
Theresa H. Rodgers, L-SLP, Board Member
Anita Jeyakumar, MD, Medical Advisor
Laura H. Gresham, Public Member**

The meeting was called to order by Steve Harris at 9:20 a.m. in the Lafayette A room at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 2350 W. Congress, Lafayette, Louisiana. Jolie Jones, Executive Director was present for the entirety of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was present to provide public comment.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as amended to add 2. Call for Nominations under NCSB Conference.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 13, 2015, as presented.

Minutes of the March 21, 2015 meeting were tabled until the Board receives further clarification from Ayn Stehr, the Board's legal counsel.

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICANT INTERVIEW/SPEAKER OF ENGLISH AS A
SECOND LANGUAGE**

Jeong A Kim was requested to appear before the board according to Rule 113.C. to conduct an English proficiency assessment for speakers of English as a second language. Theresa Rodgers facilitated the interview with Dr. Kim, requesting oral and written demonstrations of proficiency.

The Board will need to request undergraduate transcripts from Dr. Kim to complete an equivalency analysis to determine licensure eligibility.

FINANCIAL:

1. Financial Statement for the period ended January 31, 2015
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ended January 31, 2015.

Board members discussed the possibility of hiring intern students from LSU. Ultimately, the Board would like to move forward in contracting with an individual from Westaff.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES:

1. Update on Annual School Report
Iberville Parish has responded to the Annual School Report. No response has been received from Milestone Sabis Academy.

Jolie Jones was requested to obtain a list of Charter School names and addresses from the State Department of Education to include them in the Annual School Report this year.
2. Update on LBESPA 2015 CE Workshop
Jolie Jones informed the Board that 63 individuals were pre-registered for the LBESPA workshop and attendance is lower than previous years. The Board discussed possibly booking next year's workshop in Baton Rouge and also that they may consider no longer hosting the workshop, as it may no longer be necessary.
3. Update on Law Revisions/Plans for Rules Revisions
Board members would like to plan a law/rules revisions workday around the upcoming hearing, which date remains undetermined.
4. LBESPA Presentation at LSHA
Board members reviewed the LSHA Convention Brochure. Steve Harris informed that Board that aside from the usual morning presentation at LSHA, the Board also has another presentation to discuss the proposed Law and Rules revisions.
5. Update on Audiology Assistant Survey
Board members reviewed the results from the Audiology Assistant Survey, which received 59 responses. Based on the results, the Board will consider adding Audiology Assistant licensing.
6. Update on Open Meeting Laws
Board members were provided with an email from Emalie Boyce, Assistant Attorney General, wherein Ms. Boyce responded to questions and provided updates regarding the Open Meeting Laws.
7. Social Media
Steve Harris mentioned that he would like the Board to consider having a social media page to better communicate with licensees. Board members would like to consider a social media page, but would like to develop a social media policy and have the new database completed before moving forward.

8. Newspaper Ads for Better Hearing and Speech Month
Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Laura Gresham, and unanimously carried to publish ads in The News Star, The Advertiser, American Press, The Town Talk, at the cost of \$2,117.35.
9. Executive Director Update
Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Tammy Crawford, and unanimously carried to allow Jolie Jones to negotiate up to \$2,000 per month in rent for a future office space for LBESPA.

DATABASE PROPOSALS:

The Board met with two companies, Essential Solutions and Covalent Logic, each of whom presented a proposal for a new database/software system and website design. Members of the Board also reviewed a proposal from GL Solutions, who was unable to present; however, Jolie Jones provided an overview of the product from GL Solutions based on a demonstration and information from GL Solutions' contact.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham, and unanimously carried to enter into a contract with Covalent Logic, with a negotiated rate.

CONFERENCES:

LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY

1. Letter from Steven Madix regarding Denial of CEU Sponsorship
Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Tammy Crawford, and unanimously carried to deny the request for financial and exhibitor sponsorship of continuing education for the upcoming Louisiana Academy of Audiology, based on the Board's current policy which states that an organization must have at least 300 members. To potentially accommodate organizations such as Louisiana Academy of Audiology in the future, the Board is considering revisions for the future.

FARB

1. Update on Comprehensive Regulatory Training
Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Tammy Crawford, and unanimously carried to send all board members, staff, and Ayn Stehr to FARB's Comprehensive Regulatory Training on May 20, 2015, in Baton Rouge, and pay related registration and travel expenses. The Board will also cover a portion of the costs of the meeting room and associated expenses.
2. Board Membership Renewal
Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Tammy Crawford, and unanimously carried to renew the Board's FARB membership at the rate of \$150.00.
3. Response to Supreme Court Decision regarding State Sovereignty
Jolie Jones informed the Board that she recently participated in a meeting with Executive Directors, as well as Christine Peck from DHH to start a dialogue regarding the oversight of DHH and the Boards relative to the recent Federal Trade Commission ruling.

NCSB

1. 28th Annual NCSB Conference, October 8-10, 2015, Charlotte, NC

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Tammy Crawford, and unanimously carried to send Tammy Crawford, Daphne Washington, Theresa Rodgers, and Glenn Waguespack, to the NCSB Board Member Training and Conference and pay related travel expenses. Motion was also made to send Ayn Stehr to the Board Member Training and pay related travel expenses. Registration fees for Board Member Training will be waived for Glenn Waguespack, Theresa Rodgers, and Ayn Stehr.

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Daphne Washington, and unanimously carried to send Steve Harris, Laura Gresham, and Jolie Jones to the NCSB Conference.

2. Call for Nominations

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Daphne Washington, and unanimously carried to nominate Vicki Pullins for President-Elect.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Glenn Waguespack, and unanimously carried to nominate Gregg Thornton, Sherry Sancibrian, and Nahale Kalfas for the Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 4:28 p.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting, and

for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or any other matter now provided for or as may be provided for by the legislature.

Votes for going into Executive Session: Laura Gresham, yes; Daphne Washington, yes; Glenn Waguespack, yes; Tammy Crawford, yes; Theresa Rodgers, yes.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 4:51 p.m. to take the following actions:

1. Review of Complaints
 - a. Complaint #2013-05

Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to deny the ethics training submitted, as it was not pre-approved as per the Board's Decision signed on June 11, 2014.

b. Complaint #2015-05

Jolie Jones updated the Board that Ryan Seidemann, Assistant Attorney General, is scheduled to talk with the opposing attorney in this case on April 14, 2015.

2. Review of Applications

a. A.P.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to upgrade A.P. to full licensure status, upon receipt of \$30 upgrade fee, based on ASHA certification.

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Full or Provisional Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology licenses**:

Scott, Caitlin	7315	PL-SLP	Kramer, Mary	7319	L-SLP
Greer, Adelaide	7316	L-AUD/H.A. DISP	Faingold, Kathy	7320	L-SLP
Daigle, Danielle	7321	PL-SLP	Jolly, Debra	7322	L-SLP
Hearn, Lauren	7323	L-SLP	Meyer, Lisa	7325	L-SLP
Glausier, Cassondra	7324	PL-SLP	Jacques, Hope	7326	L-SLP
Stuart, Dorothy	7327	PL-SLP	Edwards, Crystal	7328	L-SLP
Franks, Jamie	7329	PL-SLP	Parr, Cindy	7331	L-SLP
Sanderson, Lindsay	7330	PL-SLP	Chatelain, Melissa	7332	L-SLP

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for a **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, or Provisional Audiology/Hearing Aid Dispensing licenses**:

Mumfrey, Lauren	7317	PL-SLP/ASST
Boffolfs, Kristen	7318	PL-SLP/ASST

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:


Watkins, Emily	7087	L-SLP	Kimble, Shayne	7138	L-SLP
Goodwin, Malie	7162	L-SLP	Seiler, Mara	7068	L-SLP
Whitley, Justin	7077	L-SLP	Smitherman, Hannah	7132	L-SLP
Kidd, Ashley	7144	L-SLP	Tripp, Sarah	7136	L-SLP
Moore, Alyssa	7052	L-SLP	Cascio, Alison	7125	L-SLP
Doiron, Gillian	7128	L-SLP	Booker, Kenyetta	7127	L-SLP

Motion was made Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

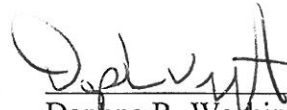
Pellegrin, Lisa	2606	L-SLP	Brandon, Sothery	5975	L-SLP
Mouton, Gail	2479	L-SLP			

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Stephen J. Harris, M.A., CCC-A, L-AUD/SLP
Chairperson



Daphne R. Washington, M.A., CCC-SLP, L-SLP
Secretary/Treasurer