

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

February 14, 2025

Attending:

**Jerrilyn Frasier Vaughan, L-AUD/SLP, Chairperson
Courtney Cheek Couvillon, L-SLP, Vice Chairperson
Deanna B. Hardy, Public Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member
Emily L. Mutter, L-AUD, Board Member
Celeste R. Parker, L-SLP, Board Member**

Absent:

Erica Chatelain, L-SLP, Board Member

Board's 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."

The board meeting was called to order and the mission statement was read by Jerrilyn Frasier Vaughan at 8:35 a.m. in the conference room of the Board office, located in Prairieville, Louisiana. Jerrilyn Frasier Vaughan welcomed new board members, Stephen Harris and Emily Mutter. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, and James Raines, Legal Counsel, were present for the entirety of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was present to provide public comment.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Celeste Parker, seconded by Courtney Cheek Couvillon and unanimously carried, to amend the agenda as presented, to add Pending Complaint numbers 2014-03 and 2025-08 in Executive Session.

MINUTES:

1. Minutes of December 13, 2024

Motion was made by Courtney Cheek Couvillon, seconded by Celeste Parker and unanimously carried, to adopt the minutes of the meeting held December 13, 2024.

FINANCIALS:**1. Covalent Logic Retainer Renewal**

Motion was made by Courtney Cheek Couvillon, seconded by Celeste Parker and unanimously carried, to renew the Hosting Agreement with Covalent Logic for \$2,215 per month.

2. Directors and Owners Insurance Renewal

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Courtney Cheek Couvillon and unanimously carried, to renew the Board's Directors and Owners insurance for \$7,360.47.

3. Professional Contracts FY 2025-2026

Motion was made by Celeste Parker, seconded by Deanna Hardy, and unanimously carried, to offer a professional legal contract for fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Department of Justice of the State of Louisiana, at the Attorney General's rates, for a maximum contract amount of \$15,000.00.

Motion was made by Celeste Parker, seconded by Courtney Cheek Couvillon, and unanimously carried, to offer a professional legal contract to Breazeale, Sachse, and Wilson, LLP, at the Attorney General's rates, for a maximum contract amount of \$20,000.00.

Motion was made by Celeste Parker, seconded by Deanna Hardy, and unanimously carried, to offer a professional investigative contract for fiscal year 2025-2026 to D'Arbonne Investigations, for \$50/hour plus expenses at the state rate, for a maximum contract amount of \$10,000.00.

Motion was made by Celeste Parker, seconded by Courtney Cheek Couvillon and unanimously carried, to offer a professional accounting contract for fiscal year 2025-2026 for CPA services for up to \$450.00/month, for a maximum contract amount of \$6,000.00.

4. Budget FY 2025-2026

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Courtney Cheek Couvillon, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Budget as amended for FY 2025-2026.

INCOME	Approved FY 2025-2026
License Fees - Applications	\$ 47,000.00
License Fees - Upgrades	\$ 5,000.00
Renewal Fees	\$ 255,000.00
Renewal Fees - Delinquent	\$ 23,000.00
Renewal Fees - Telehealth	\$ 200.00
Restitution	\$ 3,000.00

Telehealth Registration	\$ 400.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ -
CE Preapprovals	\$ 200.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 17,000.00
Interest Income - Checking	\$ 300.00
Interest Income - CDs	\$ 12,000.00
Mailing Lists	\$ 3,000.00
Open Book Exams	\$ 60.00
Verifications	\$ 1,700.00
Total Income	\$ 367,860.00
EXPENSE	Approved FY 2025-2026
Salaries and Benefits	
Compensated Absence	\$ 5,000.00
Group Insurance	\$ 29,000.00
Medicare	\$ 1,700.00
OPEB Expense	\$ 4,000.00
Retirement	\$ 56,000.00
Salary - Exec Director (80%)	\$ 85,000.00
Salary - Admin Specialist (100%)	\$ 55,000.00
Salary - Exec Assistant (20%)	\$ 15,000.00
Total Salaries and Benefits	\$ 250,700.00
TRAVEL	Approved FY 2025-2026
Admin In-State Mileage	\$ 400.00
Admin In-State Other	\$ 200.00
Admin Out-State Other	\$ 300.00
Board In-State Mileage	\$ 11,000.00
Board In-State Other	\$ 3,000.00
Board Out-State Other	\$ 1,000.00
Conference - Flights	\$ 3,000.00
Conference - In State Expenses	\$ 500.00
Conference - Out State Expenses	\$ -
Conference - Registration	\$ 2,000.00
Conference - Hotels	\$ 5,000.00
Conference - Meals	\$ 1,600.00
Meeting Expense	\$ 6,000.00
Total Travel	\$ 34,000.00
OPERATING SERVICES	Approved FY 2025-2026
Bank Charges/Fees	\$ 20,000.00

Continuing Education	\$ 12,000.00
Dues, Sub & Publications	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Rental	\$ 3,000.00
Hearings - Court Reporter	\$ 1,000.00
Hearings - Room Rental	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance - Risk Management	\$ 1,400.00
Insurance - Additional	\$ 8,500.00
Maintenance	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
Postage	\$ 300.00
Printing	\$ 500.00
Rent	\$ 22,000.00
Security	\$ 300.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 2,500.00
Utilities	\$ 1,500.00
Janitorial Services	\$ 1,000.00
Total Operating Services	\$ 82,500.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Approved FY 2025-2026
Accounting	\$ 6,000.00
Auditor	\$ 2,400.00
Calligrapher	\$ -
Computer Consultant - I.T.	\$ 6,500.00
Computer Backup & Hosting	\$ 2,000.00
Department of Justice	\$ 15,000.00
Impaired Professionals Program	\$ 8,000.00
Investigator	\$ 5,000.00
Legal	\$ 20,000.00
Payroll Services	\$ 2,000.00
Rules Promulgation	\$ 3,000.00
Scanning	\$ 1,000.00
Total Professional Services	\$ 70,900.00
ACQUISITIONS	Approved FY 2025-2026
Computer Software/Database	\$ 35,000.00
Office Equipment	\$ 500.00
Scanning Equip/Lic. Renewal	\$ 500.00
Total Acquisitions	\$ 36,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 474,100.00

Total Revenue Over Expenditures	\$ (106,240.00)
DEDICATED FUNDS	Approved FY 2025-2026
Licensure Compact	\$ 200,000.00
Technology	\$ 50,000.00
Total Dedicated Funds	\$ 250,000.00
Other Assets	Approved FY 2025-2026
Cash in Checking	\$ 355,000.00
*Invested/Reserved Funds	\$ 485,000.00
Total Other Assets	\$ 840,000.00
Total Available Funds over Expenditures	\$ 483,760.00

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Executive Director Update

Jolie Jones reminded board members to complete the required annual training. Additionally, the board discussed that Deanna Hardy and Jerrilyn Frasier Vaughan's board member positions are posted for nominations on the Board's website. Jolie Jones reviewed Executive Order JML 25-008, which requires completion of an Occupational Licensing Board Report.

2. Board Operations/LBESPA Processing

The Board reviewed data for the period of December 4, 2024 – February 3, 2025. The summary is as follows:

- Initial applications – 46
- Upgrade requests – 12
- Applications approved – 37
- Applications denied – 0
- Upgrades approved – 18
- Upgrades denied – 0
- Telehealth Registration – AUD – 1
- Telehealth Registration – SLP – 2
- Conditional Licenses – 0
- English Proficiency Assessment – 2
- National Practitioner Data Bank queries – 21

- National Practitioner Data Bank reporting – 0
- National Practitioner Data Bank – revision to action - 0
- Online license renewals – N/A
- Telehealth renewals – N/A
- Complaints received – 2

3. Impaired Professionals Program Report, Quarter 4

Board members reviewed the Impaired Professional's Program Report from Kathie Pohlman.

4. Renewal Date Change Committee Rules Revision Recommendation

Motion was made by Courtney Cheek Couvillon, seconded by Celeste Parker and unanimously carried, to move forward with the Rules and Regulations revisions after legal counsel reviews.

5. Policy re: English proficiency assessment exam

Motion was made by Courtney Cheek Couvillon, seconded by Emily Mutter and unanimously carried, to adopt a new policy that the TOEFL is the nationally recognized English proficiency examination approved by the Board.

Motion was made by Courtney Cheek Couvillon, seconded by Celeste Parker and unanimously carried, to revise the policy for the passing score on the TOEFL examination.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email dated January 9, 2025, from Dr. Gail Gillespie, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, inquiring about speech-language pathologists evaluating and diagnosing Autism Spectrum Disorder

The Board Rules and Regulations do not regulate who administers tests. Refer to the exam's administration manual. The Board does not prohibit the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder by a speech-language pathologist, provided that the speech-language pathologist has had the proper education, training, experience and competency.

2. Email dated January 16, 2025, from Stephanie Tassin, inquiring about feeding/dysphagia/mealtime behaviors and the safety of students during mealtime

The Board recommends that you consult with the school board's legal counsel. The Board only addresses issues relating to the Rules and Regulations, not specifics.

CONFERENCES:

NCSB (National Council of State Boards of Examiners)

1. 38th Annual NCSB Conference, September 18-20, 2025, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Board members shared the dates of the NCSB Conference with new board members so they can make plans to attend.

Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC)

1. ASLP-IC Newsletter

Board members reviewed the ASLP-IC Newsletter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Celeste Parker, seconded by Stephen Harris and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:35 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: Celeste Parker, yes; Deanna Hardy, yes; Courtney Cheek Couvillon, yes; Emily Mutter, yes; Stephen Harris, yes.

Motion was made by Celeste Parker, seconded by Courtney Cheek Couvillon and unanimously carried, to come out of executive session at 11:32 a.m. and make the following motions:

1. Review of New Complaint(s)

No new complaints received.

2. Review of Pending Complaints

a. Complaint #2024-12

Board members reviewed continuing education submitted for pre-approval to meet the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.

b. Complaint #2014-03

Motion was made by Courtney Cheek Couvillon, seconded by Celeste Parker and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agreement and Order presented and signed.

c. Complaint #2025-08

Motion was made by Celeste Parker, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agreement and Order presented and signed.

3. Review of Applications

a. KH

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Celeste Parker, and unanimously carried, to grant KH's Provisional Speech-Language Pathology license with a letter of concern.

b. MF

Motion was made by Courtney Cheek Couvillon, seconded by Deanna Hardy, and unanimously carried, to grant MF's Speech-Language Pathology license.

c. AJ

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Celeste Parker, and unanimously carried, to grant AJ's Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license.

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Courtney Cheek Couvillon and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Full or Provisional Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology licenses**:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>License No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>License No.</u>	<u>Type</u>
Anding	Molly	9775	PL-SLP	Maples	Brennan	9790	PL-SLP
Axum	Anna	9793	PL-SLP	Matherne	Allison	9786	PL-SLP
Aylor	Monique	9808	L-SLP	Mistretta	Madison	9788	PL-SLP
Beavers	Michaela	9800	PL-SLP	Norman	Jenny	7734	PL-SLP
Bollat	Lindsey	9798	PL-SLP	Penny	Lauren	9803	L-SLP
Cabigting	Janiah	9795	PL-SLP	Prewitt	Alisa	9807	L-SLP
Decorte	Taylor	9794	PL-SLP	Price	Teresa	9799	L-SLP
Donnell	Morgan	9778	PL-SLP	Roberts	Brooklyn	9792	PL-SLP
Fuster	Michelle	9809	L-SLP	Sanders	Aleigh	9777	PL-SLP
Gaspard	Monique	9810	PL-SLP	Threeton	Brianna	9774	PL-SLP
Griffin	Meg	9780	PL-SLP	Uggen	Hope	9782	L-SLP
Guidry	Kassandra	9802	PL-SLP	Vicknair	Haley	9784	PL-SLP
Haag	Lauren	9804	PL-SLP	Wilcoxon	Tatum	9776	PL-SLP
Ingrassia	Madison	9783	PL-SLP	Wilson	Mary Ann	9806	L-AUD
Lambert	Averi	9773	PL-SLP	Woodard	Madison	9785	PL-SLP
Liendo	Melody	9355	PL-SLP				

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Celeste Parker and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant and/or Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant licenses**:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>License No.</u>	<u>Type</u>
Catchings	Destini	9494	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT
Darlington	Samaria	9797	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT
Dumas	Brandy	9787	PROVISIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT
Green Hamilton	Kenyatta	9811	PROVISIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT
Holland	Jonathon	9791	PROVISIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT
Jefferson	Raven	9779	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT
Luquette	Jennifer	9781	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT
Parent-Bordere	Bailey	9789	PROVISIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT

Scott	Uriah	9801	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT
Smith	Malorie	9805	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Courtney Cheek Couvillon and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>License No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>License No.</u>	<u>Type</u>
Beale	Katie	9522	L-SLP	Jefferson	Jade	9465	L-SLP
Breaux	Avery	9391	L-SLP	Kimball	Kaelyn	9421	L-SLP
Cheramie	Lasey	9527	L-SLP	Major	Rebecca	9499	L-SLP
Cicero	Rachael	9114	L-SLP	Ngo	Taylor	7036	L-SLP
Copeland	Mary	9417	L-SLP	Roppolo	Sadie	9448	L-SLP
Estis	Morgan	9625	L-SLP	Sercovich	Sophie	9486	L-SLP
Fornea	Loren	9602	L-SLP	Stone	Kathleen	9193	L-SLP
Hammes	Josie	9308	L-SLP	Turnage	Emily	9036	L-SLP

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>License No.</u>	<u>Type</u>
Anderson	Geraldlynn	9473	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT
Bolton	Madeline	9534	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT
Lyons	Christina	7096	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Celeste Parker and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

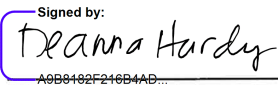
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Carl	Shannon	9091	PL-SLP				
O'Dell	Kristi	3772	L-SLP				
Sorina	Valerie	2685	L-SLP				

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>License No.</u>	<u>Type</u>
Jones	Altoinette	5704	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT

Motion was made by Celeste Parker, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:


 Jerrilyn Fraser Vaughan, Au.D., L-AUD/SLP
 Chairperson

Signed by:

 Deanna B. Hardy, Public Board Member
 Secretary/Treasurer