

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

June 5, 2014

Attending:

**Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Chairperson
Kerrilyn R. Phillips, L-SLP, Vice Chairperson
Dawn B. Richard, L-SLP, Secretary/Treasurer
Stephen J. Harris, L-SLP/AUD, Board Member
Brooke F. Normand, L-SLP, Board Member**

Absent:

**Laura H. Gresham, Public Member
Vacant, Medical Advisor**

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Waguespack at 9:15 a.m. in the Oaklawn Room of the Hilton Lafayette located at 1521 West Pinhook Road, Lafayette, Louisiana. Jolie Jones, Executive Director was present for the entirety of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was available to give public comments.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as amended to add the following: 3. Financial Statement for the period ended April 30, 2014 to Financial; add 3. Letter dated 5/24/2013 from David Mulnick requesting hearing aid dispensing to Correspondence; add 12. Hearing aid fitting for school Audiologists to Board/ Staff Issues; correction to 1.a. in Executive Session, should be Complaint #2010-18; and add 4.c. FL under Executive Session.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 4, 2014, as presented.

FINANCIAL:

1. Financial Statement for the period ended February 28, 2014
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ended February 28, 2014.
2. Financial Statement for the period ended March 31, 2014
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3. Financial Statement for the period ended April 30, 2014
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4. Increase contracts with Department of Justice and Ayn Stehr

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Dawn Richard and unanimously carried, to increase the contract with the Department of Justice to \$15,000, due to recent hearing and an on-going complaint.

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Dawn Richard and unanimously carried, to increase the contract with Ayn Stehr, Attorney At Law to \$15,000, due to recent hearing and an on-going complaint.

LANGUAGE INTERVIEW:

Christina Tausch 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. Kerrilyn Phillips facilitated the interview with Ms. Tausch, requesting oral and written demonstrations of proficiency.

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to approve Christina Tausch's application for a provisional speech-language pathology license.

COMPLIANCE HEARING:

Brittany McCarty requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's decision to deny issuance of a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license. The Board denied Ms. McCarty's request to issue a license based on the belief that Ms. McCarty practiced without a valid license beginning February 1, 2014. The Board sent Ms. McCarty a letter dated April 17, 2014, informing her that she must cease and desist the practice of speech-language pathology.

Brittany McCarty indicated that she worked for Bayou Speech Group and is in graduate school. Ms. McCarty stated she was hired with the company on February 1, 2014 and in late February or early March 2014, she began seeing children, doing therapy, setting up her own IEP meetings, contracting parents, and planning therapy. She indicated that she held IEP meetings individually without a supervisor present, with the exception of the first meeting. Ms. McCarty testified that she did receive the Board's letter notifying her to cease practice of speech-language pathology and yet continued to practice, by doing intervention in speech-language pathology and seeing children that were referred by teachers.

Motion was made by Brooke Normand, seconded by Dawn Richard and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 11:15 a.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: Brooke Normand, yes; Dawn Richard, yes; Steve Harris, yes; and Kerrilyn Phillips, yes.

Motion was made by Brooke Normand, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:52 a.m. to offer Brittany McCarty a Consent Agreement and Order to include the open book examination within 90 days, \$500 fine, 10 additional hours of continuing education with concentration in scope of practice and supervision (pre-approved by the board), double the required supervision of an SLP Assistant for six months, and notifications to Bayou Speech Group, LSHA, ASHA, SPALS, and reporting to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

HIPDB Codes to report: 1140, 1149, 1173, 1199, A4, A5, A6, 81, 29, and 25.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES:

1. Update on Renewals and Audits

The Board was presented with an update that 910 renewals have been completed online and 131 in office, for a total of 1,041 completed as of June 3, 2014.

38 out of 170 audits have been completed successfully as of June 3, 2014.

2. Update on LBESPA 2014 CE Workshop

Jolie Jones reported that there were 119 participants at the Board's workshop, and the profit was \$193.09. The Board made \$193.09. Board staff is requested to schedule next year's workshop for April 11, 18, or 25 at the Renaissance Hotel.

Board members discussed potential topics and speakers for the 2015 workshop.

3. Update on Plans for Law Revision

The Board would like to schedule a law revision workday possibly in conjunction with a hearing. If the hearing is scheduled for Friday, August 8th, we could possibly do a workday in conjunction.

4. Update on Educational Ads for Better Hearing and Speech Month

Board members were presented with copies of ads that were run to raise awareness of licensure for Better Hearing and Speech Month. The ads were run in the Times Picayune, The Times, The Advocate, and Baton Rouge Parents Magazine at the cost of \$2,275.89.

5. Update on HB322, HB406, HB911

Jolie Jones gave the Board an update on bills affecting the Board.

HB322 was sent to the Governor for approval, which will require rulemaking agencies to publish on the internet certain information concerning proposed rules and fees.

HB406 became HB1275 and failed to pass.

HB911, now HB1273, was sent to the Governor for approval, which is relative to the issuance of provisional licenses to ex-offenders in order to work in certain fields.

6. Update on Medical Advisor Appointment
The Medical Society has submitted five names to the Governor to fill the board's Medical Advisor vacancy.
7. Update on Policy Manual Revisions
This item was tabled until the board's next meeting.
8. Renewal Correspondence after June 30th
The Board reviewed correspondence that has been sent out at the request of licensees noting the ability to continue to practice past June 30th.
9. Review Provisional SLP Supervision Forms
No changes were made to the supervision forms. The Board will modify the definition of 36 weeks to make it consistent with the nine month requirement when making rule changes.
10. Provisional SLP Assistant Time Deferral
Board staff was requested to send letters to individuals who currently have their license on time deferral. The letter should state that the board has changed it's policy and in order to maintain time deferred status, individuals must renew their license annually by paying the renewal fee and can claim inactive status. Late renewal fees will be waived this year for these individuals to renew by October 31st. After October 31, 2014, licenses will be considered lapsed.

The board will only allow licenses to be deferred for a maximum of three years.
11. Inventory Report
The Board was presented with the list of assets that LBESPA maintains through Property Management. The list included the conference table, a desk and file cabinet, as well as a projector and three computers.
12. Hearing Aid Fitting for School Audiologists
The Board discussed that individuals must be licensed as an Audiologist with hearing aid dispensing in order to do ear molds.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email dated April 12, 2014 from Monica Bagley, L-SLP providing additional services under private speech company
There is no prohibition in the board's Rules related to private speech clinics offering other services. The Board suggests that Ms. Bagley give a letter to her current and future clients making it clear that the art classes are in no way related to speech therapy.
2. Email dated April 21, 2014 from David Nuss, L-AUD, complimenting staff
The Board received a letter from David Nuss, L-AUD, complimenting Marcy Ricca and Jolie Jones. Glenn Waguespack also mentioned that he received a phone call from Euna Joseph, L-SLP, complimenting Jolie Jones' service to her.

3. Letter dated May 24, 2013 from David Mulnick, L-AUD, requesting hearing aid dispensing

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to add hearing aid dispensing to David Mulnick's Audiology license number 556.

CONFERENCES:

LSHA

1. Board Presentation

Board presentation at the LSHA Convention will be held Saturday, June 7th, beginning at 7:45 a.m.

CLEAR

1. Membership Renewal

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to renew the board's CLEAR membership for \$240.00.

NCSB

1. Call for NCSB Awards

NCSB is accepting nominations for Special Recognition and Honors of the Association Awards.

FARB

1. 22nd Annual FARB Regulatory Law Seminar, October 2-5, 2014, Annapolis, MD

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to offer to send Ayn Stehr to the FARB Regulatory Law Seminar and reimburse her for expenses up to \$1,500, including conference registration and hotel. The Board will also require that a report be submitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 3:00 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; Brooke Normand, yes and Dawn Richard, yes.

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. to take the following actions:

1. Review of Complaints

a. Complaint #2010-18

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Dawn Richard and unanimously carried, to ask Ayn Stehr to continue to watch this matter and see if anything happens with the criminal trial.

b. Complaint #2013-05

Board members reviewed the final decision and will send it to Ms. Ross and her attorney with a cover letter.

c. Complaint #2013-07

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Dawn Richard and unanimously carried, to set this matter for hearing on either August 8 or 23, depending on legal counsel's availability. The board does not wish to negotiate any further.

d. Complaint #2014-02

Motion was made by Dawn Richard, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to send a letter to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System noting that Respondent has not followed up with the Consent Agreement and Order offered to her by the Board and she cannot practice without a license.

Board staff was instructed to flag Respondent's file noting that she must come before the board before any application is accepted.

e. Complaint #2014-03

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Dawn Richard and unanimously carried, to ask Ryan Seidemann to find out further information on the matter, to send a letter to licensee requesting a response, and to query the DataBank.

f. Transition Issues

The Board recently paid a total of \$3,913.96 in unemployment for two former employees. LBEDN reimbursed \$613.70 and LABSWE reimbursed \$1,459.18.

2. Review of Applications

Motion was made by Dawn Richard, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Full or Provisional Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology licenses:**

Puckett, Ellie	7097	L-SLP	DeNardo, Thales	7099	L-SLP
Manorek, Heather	7100	L-SLP	McGreal, Sharon	7101	L-SLP
Weidman, Leslie	7104	L-SLP	Putt, Monica	7112	L-SLP
Labiche, Katie Hymel	7103	PL-SLP	Greening, Ashley	7118	L-AUD/HA
Deville, Maggie F.	7105	PL-SLP	Guitreau, Elizabeth	7106	PL-SLP
Simpson, Autumn	7107	PL-SLP	Kelly, Mallory Jane	7108	PL-SLP
Hawkins, Whitney	7109	PL-SLP	McIntyre, Michelle	7110	PL-SLP
Jeansonne, Lacey M.	7111	PL-SLP	Harlan, Kelly Griffin	7113	PL-SLP

Kidd, Ashley H.	7114	PL-SLP	Tausch, Christina	7115	PL-SLP
Skinner, Julia	7116	PL-SLP	Handy, Karlania	7117	PL-SLP
Scherer, Chelsey	7119	PL-SLP	Smith, Megan	7129	PL-SLP
Neilson, Elizabeth	7130	PL-SLP	Gibbons, Chelsi	7131	PL-SLP
Smitherman, Hannah	7132	PL-SLP	Darnall, Kate	7133	PL-SLP
Poche, Kelsey	7134	PL-SLP	Torres, Mary	7135	PL-SLP
Tripp, Sarah	7136	PL-SLP	Bogan, Courtney	7137	PL-SLP
Kimble, Shayne	7138	PL-SLP	Ward, Abigail	7139	PL-SLP
Escousse, Emily	7140	PL-SLP	Fowler, Perry	7141	PL-SLP
Ollenburger, Grant	7142	PL-SLP	Rodrigue, Kacey	7143	PL-SLP
Bethard, Kara	7145	PL-SLP	Fielder, Laura	7146	PL-SLP
Watkins, Emily	7087	PL-SLP			

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Dawn Richard 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:

Caldwell, Quanetta	7102	PL-SLP Asst	Cassity, Katie	7098	PL-SLP Asst
Olivares, Laura	7144	PL-SLP Asst	Mulnick, David	556	HA Dispensing

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Brooke Normand and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:

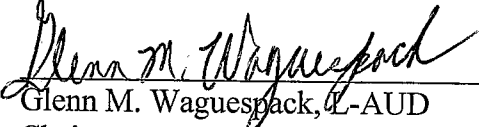
Dalferes, Elizabeth	6906	L-SLP	Bryan, Cynthia	6920	L-SLP
Baiamonte, Lauren	6985	L-SLP	Denman, Nicole M.	6799	L-SLP
Moore, Meg	6650	L-SLP	McMurray, Amanda	5842	L-SLP
Righteous, Brianna	7033	L-SLP	Riviere, Andrew	6767	L-SLP
Gomez, Cliff	6885	L-SLP	Ducote, Kelsey R.	6907	L-SLP
Bourque, Kourtni C.	6958	L-SLP	McConnell, Julie D.	6888	L-SLP
Trisler, Emilee	6938	L-SLP	Guillory, Rachel	6961	L-SLP
Salvail, Lauren M.	6988	L-SLP	Dupuis, Derek	7011	L-SLP
Maurin, Hilary W.	6942	L-SLP	Munn, Nicole	6947	L-SLP
Verdin, Katie L.	6796	L-SLP	Bourgeois, Dana M.	6887	L-SLP
Gray, Joanna	6957	L-SLP	Madden, Bonnie	7012	L-SLP
Jukes, Leigh Ann	6929	L-SLP	Roubique, Alison	7015	L-SLP
Martin, Jessica	6910	L-SLP	Fontenot, Kelsey	6425	L-SLP
Martin, Linda	6943	L-SLP			

Motion was made Dawn Richard, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:


Irthum, Sonia	4300	L-SLP
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Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Dawn Richard and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD
Chairperson



Dawn Richard, L-SLP
Secretary/Treasurer