

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

January 16-17, 2016

Attending:

**Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Chairperson
Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, 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**

Absent:

Laura H. Gresham, Public Member

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Waguespack at 8:05 a.m. in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, was present for the entirety of the meeting. Theresa Rodgers and Anita Jeyakumar, M.D., were present for a portion of the meeting. Specifically, Mrs. Rodgers attended from 8:30-4:00 January 16, and from 8:30 a.m. until adjournment at 3:00 p.m. January 17 due to a family medical emergency/issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was present to provide public comment.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Purchase of a Server

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to purchase a new server, not to exceed the amount of \$6,000.

2. Update on Office Lease

Jolie Jones updated board members on the status of the potential lease of the Swamp Road property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 8:13 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: Daphne Washington, yes; Steve Harris, yes; Tammy Crawford, yes.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 8:27 a.m. to take the following actions:

1. Review of Applications

a. S.K.

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to downgrade SK's license to a Provisional Speech-Language Pathology license, working under the supervision of a Speech-Language Pathologist. SK may only hold this Provisional Speech-Language Pathology license for one year, based upon the advice of the board's Legal Counsel.

b. K.C.

Motion was made Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to let ASHA know that the board cannot provide any additional information related to this individual.

REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES AND PRACTICE ACT:

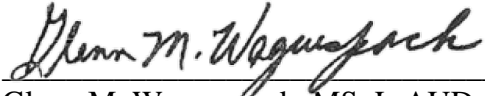
Glenn Waguespack discussed with Dr. Anita Jeyakumar the possibility of adding limited cerumen management to the audiology scope of practice. Dr. Jeyakumar recommended that the board not include this at this time.

Board members discussed adding another public member and using diagnosis in scope of practice definitions as considerations.

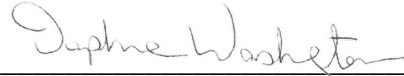
The board is recommending a change to the qualifications for the Provisional Speech-Language Pathology license to require the Praxis at the time of licensure. This is considered a consumer protection measure in that an individual must be able to demonstrate this entry level ability, and thus is qualified to practice professionally immediately. Additionally, Praxis scores are received within a week whereas twenty years ago, it took individuals more than a month to obtain the exam score. This change will also prevent licensure downgrades to assistant-level status, which impacts service provision and other significant factors.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. January 17.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Glenn M. Waguespack, MS, L-AUD, CCC-A
Chairperson



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