

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

February 12, 2016

Attending:

**Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Chairperson
Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Vice Chairperson
Tammy Crawford, L-SLP, Board Member
Theresa H. Rodgers, L-SLP, Board Member**

Absent:

**Daphne Washington, L-SLP, Secretary/Treasurer
Laura H. Gresham, Public Member
Anita Jeyakumar, MD, Medical Advisor**

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Waguespack at 8:08 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was present to provide public comment.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Stephen Harris and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as presented.

SURFACE PRO TRAINING:

Jolie Jones provided board members with a brief tutorial on how to use the new Surface Pro tablets for board business.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 4, 2015, as presented.

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 16-17, 2016, as presented.

COMPLIANCE HEARING:

Jennifer Landry requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's decision to deny renewal of her provisional speech-language pathology assistant license in October 2014. The Board denied Ms. Landry's request to renew her license based on the supervision documentation submitted.

Ms. Landry testified that she was unsure what to document and only documented when she had a patient's file or was providing services. She did not document the alternative supervision hours.

She had a very small patient load and her supervisor's schedule was so full that if a conflict arose, there were times that she was unable to get the supervision hours needed.

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 9:23 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: Steve Harris, yes; Theresa Rodgers, yes; Tammy Crawford, yes.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 9:29 a.m. and to uphold the denial of the renewal of Ms. Landry's Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license from October 2014. The Board will allow 75 hours of the on-site, in-view supervision hours to count from the Supervision Form 200s submitted. Since the three-year time period to hold a provisional speech-language pathology assistant license has elapsed, Ms. Landry will need an additional 45 hours of clinical practicum obtained through the university setting. Should she choose to remedy the situation by obtaining the additional clinical practicum hours, she will be eligible to apply for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant.

TRAINING WITH COVALENT LOGIC:

Board members met with Stafford Word and Sally Davis of Covalent Logic who presented the Board's new website and content management system. Board members discussed future enhancements to the website.

FINANCIAL:

1. Financial Statement for the period ended October 31, 2015
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ended October 31, 2015.
2. Financial Statement for the period ended November 30, 2015
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3. Financial Statement for the period ended December 31, 2015
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4. Professional Contracts 2016-2017

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to renew the contract with the Department of Justice at \$175.00 per hour for a maximum contract amount of \$15,000.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Stephen Harris and unanimously carried, to renew the contract with Ayn Stehr at \$175.00 per hour for a maximum contract amount of \$20,000.00. This contract amount was extended due to impending legislation and rules changes.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Stephen Harris and unanimously carried, to renew the contract with Susan Sevario, CPA at the rate of \$200.00 per month for a maximum contract amount of \$2,400.00

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to offer a contract to Statewide Surveillance Company at \$50.00 per hour plus expenses at the state-approved rate for a maximum contract amount of \$5,000.00.

5. Purchase Considerations

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to purchase a Vizio 60" television for \$699.99 plus tax for the conference room in the Board's new office. The television technology will be utilized in lieu of an LCD projector, screen, and other audio-visual equipment which was standard in the Highland Road office.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Stephen Harris and unanimously carried, to authorize the purchase of a conference table with power ports and ten conference chairs not to exceed \$20,000, following consultation with the Chairperson once research is complete.

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to purchase window treatments for the new office not to exceed \$5,000.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Executive Director Update

Jolie Jones updated the board members on the following:

- a. \$350,000 has been placed in CD's with Business First Bank at 1.05% APY;
- b. The office lease for the Prairieville office has been submitted and has been signed by the potential new landlord and is being circulated for signature by the Division of Administration;
- c. The responses from the letters that were sent out to close the file on individuals who were being audited in the last renewal season have been received. Board members indicated that no further follow up with these individuals is necessary;
- d. The Memorandum of Understanding that was signed between the Board and the Department of Health and Hospitals in 2006 - After many calls, no one at the state level can confirm any information about the agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email dated February 6, 2016 from Kacie Harvey re: the use of the term Board Certified Audiologist
Board members reviewed an email from Kacie Harvey inquiring as to the use of the term "Board Certified Audiologist". The term "Board Certified Audiologist" is not a certification given by this Board. The term may be used if an individual holds that credential and it is specific to the American Board of Audiology.
2. Email dated February 11, 2016 from Melissa Jones re: supervision via live video feed
Board members reviewed an email from Melissa Jones regarding supervision via live video feed. The Board's Rules, Regulations and Procedures allow supervision through the use of live video monitors as stated in §103. within the definition of "On-Site In-View Observation".
3. Email dated February 11, 2016, from Steven Madix re: LAA conference presentation and Legislative Action Coalition
Board members reviewed an email from Steven Madix requesting a presentation at the LAA Conference by the Board. The Board is willing to provide a one-hour presentation on the law revisions or supervision models, but is requesting that it not be the last session on the program.

Glenn Waguespack will correspond with Steve Madix to set up a time to meet together with the lobbyist, as per Mr. Madix's request.

CONFERENCES:

Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB)

1. 40th Annual FARB Forum, January 28-31, 2016, Clearwater Beach, FL
Jolie Jones provided the Board with an oral and written report regarding the FARB Forum in Clearwater Beach, Florida. The most helpful session was related to online applications.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 1:28 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: Steve Harris, yes; Tammy Crawford, yes; Theresa Rodgers, yes.

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:36 p.m. to take the following actions:

1. Update – Review of Email from Steve Madix regarding possible complaint
Steve Harris spoke with the individual alleging the violation. She said that she sees “Audiologist” listed on the website. The Board suggests with the information given, that a complaint be filed in this matter.
2. Email regarding initial evaluation and/or audiological testing
The Board reviewed an email describing a concern relative to testing that was not completed in a sound-treated environment. LBESPA does not have a rule or statutory content that states initial evaluations and audiological testing must be performed in a sound-treated booth using calibrated equipment, although that is the prevailing standard of practice for audiologists. The Board’s rules are only specific to hearing aid fitting, which is not synonymous with initial audiological evaluation procedures.

Glenn Waguespack will send a letter and suggest that the individual file a complaint if she feels the billing practices have been improper.

3. Review of Pending Complaints
 - a. Complaint #2013-07
Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to release Respondent from the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order, based on successful completion. Theresa Rodgers recused herself from this agenda item including discussion and voting.
 - b. Complaint #2014-04
Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to accept the continuing education hours and supervision hours submitted, and release from the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order, based on successful completion.
 - c. Complaint #2016-02
Board members reviewed Respondent’s response to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) report filed. No additional action is necessary at this time.
 - d. Complaint #2016-04
Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to accept Supervision Form 200s for the months December 2015 and January 2016 to be credited towards the required five months of additional supervision required as per the Consent Agreement and Order.

4. Receipt of New Complaints

a. Complaint #2016-06

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to dismiss complaint #2016-06, as there is no evidence of a violation of the Board's Rules, Regulations and Procedures or the Practice Act.

5. Review of Applications

a. A.S.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to issue a Speech-Language Pathology license to A.S.

b. W.M.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to deny licensure for W.M. based on the current job description provided.

c. T.D.

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to issue a Provisional Speech-Language Pathology license to T.D.

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

Perkins, Ashley	7375	PL-SLP	Pitre, Corrine	7376	PL-SLP
Macko, Maria	7455	L-SLP	Dickey, Lindsay	7456	PL-SLP

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant** licenses:

Garrett, Somer	7400	SLP-ASST	Jacobson, Shanna	7435	PL-SLP ASST
Dumas, Lauren	7442	PL-SLP ASST	Williams, Kristin	7436	PL-SLP ASST

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

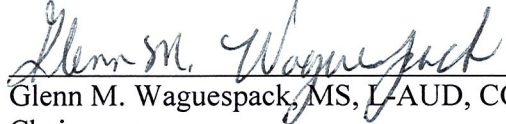
Nichols, Hayley	7153	L-SLP	Obst, Denise	6892	L-SLP
Harlan, Kelly	7113	L-SLP	Gaudet, Samantha	7243	L-SLP

Motion was made Tammy Crawford, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:


Mele, Sara	5845	L-SLP	Schiller, Stephanie	5252	L-SLP
Weeks, Katie	5578	L-SLP	Green, Natasha	4238	PL-SLP

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



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



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