

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

April 13, 2018

Attending:

**Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Chairperson
Daphne R. Washington, L-SLP, Vice Chairperson
Deanna B. Hardy, Public Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Ramesh N. Bettagere, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member
Erica A. Chatelain, L-SLP, Board Member
Jerrilyn Frasier, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member
Annette E. Hurley, L-AUD/H.A. Dispensing, Board Member**

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Harris at 8:42 a.m. in the conference room at the Board office located at 37283 Swamp Road, Suite 3B, Prairieville, Louisiana. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, was present for the entirety of the meeting. Ayn Stehr was present for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Stephen Harris welcomed Ramesh Bettagere and Erica Chatelain, as the board's newest members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was present to provide public comment.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as amended, to add "Louisiana Academy of Audiology (LAA)" and "Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA)" to Conferences.

MINUTES:

1. **Motion** was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the meeting held February 2, 2018, as presented.

FINANCIALS:

1. **Financial Statements for the period ended December 31, 2017**
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statements prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ended December 31, 2017.
2. **Financial Statements for the period ended January 31, 2018**
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3. Reconsider Proposals from CPAs for 2018-2019

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to offer Champagne and Company a professional contract to provide monthly financial statements, monthly reconciliation of bank account, quarterly update of depreciation schedule, and preparation of 1099s annually at the rate of \$400 per month, with a maximum contract amount of \$5,000 annually. There was a discrepancy in the services provided, monthly vs. quarterly financial statements; therefore, warranting a revised quote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Ramesh Bettagere, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 10:15 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.

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:37 a.m. to take the following actions:

1. Review of Pending Complaints/Cases

a. Complaint #2015-04

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to request that the Board's investigator follow up to see if licensee has a source of income and move forward to garnishment.

b. Complaint #2016-07

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to deny Attorney Van Gordon's request for reimbursement for Subpoenas, which were issued and served.

c. Complaint #2018-06

Theresa Rodgers, served as an SLP board member consultant on this case and was invited into Executive Session to provide an oral report on this case.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to offer a Consent Agreement and Order for misrepresentation of supervision provided on the Supervision Form 200, and require: completion of the Board's Open Book Exam, 10 hours of continuing education in the area of supervision of assistants, reimburse the cost of

investigation in the amount of \$1,309.65, public reprimand to include publication by LBESPA, notification to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Michigan Board of Speech-Language Pathology, Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA), and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), as well as, notification to former employer in Louisiana.

Board members discussed the need to consider other alternatives for offering the open book exam, such as Moodle, open book exam online quote from Covalent Logic, and Proctor U. Jolie Jones will research options and provide information at the board's next meeting.

2. Review of New Complaints/Cases

a. Complaint #2018-07

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to accept complaint and refer to investigation.

b. Complaint #2018-08

Motion was made by Ramesh Bettagere, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to dismiss complaint #2018-08.

c. Complaint #2018-09

Motion was made by Jerrilyn Frasier, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to dismiss complaint #2018-09 and refer to the Louisiana Hearing Aid Dealer Board.

d. Complaint #2018-10

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Jerrilyn Frasier and unanimously carried, to summarily suspend license and schedule a hearing for Monday, April 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

3. Review of Applications

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

Frazier, Cassandra	8063	L-SLP	Carlin, Margie	8065	PL-SLP
Mandella, Misty	8066	PL-SLP	Trisler, Hannah	8067	PL-SLP
Sirovy, Chelsea	8068	PL-SLP	Knight, Ana	8069	L-SLP
Rudyard Nast, Daniel	8070	L-AUD	Kleindienst, Lori	8071	L-SLP
Kewley, Havah	8072	L-SLP	Strothmann, Brittany	8073	L-SLP
Duncan, Ellen Susan	8074	L-SLP	Casey, Tracy	8075	L-SLP
Dipietra, Tara	8076	L-SLP	Morita, Christopher	8077	L-SLP
Harrell, Kimmerly	8078	L-SLP	Williams, Aftyn	8079	L-SLP

Stevenson, Janae	8081	L-SLP	McCaffery, Mary	8083	L-SLP
Fortenberry, Hillary	8084	L-SLP	Bellinger, Marla	8036	PL-SLP

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

Che, Taylore	8064	Provisional SLP Assistant
Guidry, Lauren	8080	Provisional SLP Assistant
Caillouet, Cassie	8082	SLP Assistant
Harper, Emily	7816	SLP Assistant

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

Drummond, Dianna	7666	L-SLP	Breaux, Beth	7790	L-SLP
Davis, Jessica	7719	L-SLP	Roy, Chloe	7847	L-SLP
Kim, Esther	7819	L-SLP	Brown, Melanie	7752	L-SLP
Duos, Brad	7796	L-SLP	Hearn, Lauren	7323	L-SLP
Degelos, Erica	7910	L-SLP	Reed, Lindsey	7853	L-SLP
Lanza, Madelyn	7844	L-SLP	Stanley, Sara	7840	L-SLP
Bordelon, Erin	7912	L-SLP	Hill, Madison	7631	L-SLP
Grunditz, Lindsey	7914	L-SLP	Branch, Brittany	7855	L-SLP
Alexander, Amy	7775	L-SLP	Devillier, Alyssa	7616	L-SLP
Rees, Rebecca	7600	L-SLP	Faucheux, Mandy	7866	L-SLP
Sullivan, Katelyn	7878	L-SLP	Wilson, Sara	7852	L-SLP
Girouard, Chelsea	7843	L-SLP	Simon, Whitney	7935	L-SLP
Fisher, Jessica	7923	L-SLP	Robinson, Saadi	7904	L-SLP
Pickett, Courtney	7791	L-SLP	Granger, Austin	7753	L-SLP
Bracey, Mariena	7848	L-SLP	Werling, Mackenzie	7882	L-SLP
Smith, Kirsten	7054	L-SLP	Carriere, Jade	7917	L-SLP
Shay, Kelly	7862	L-SLP	Allen, Jean-Marie	7875	L-SLP
Pardo, Jessica	7932	L-SLP	Teague, Victoria	7883	L-SLP
Fontenot, Skyler	7851	L-SLP	Lee, Megan	7918	L-SLP
Dale, Kaitlin	7858	L-SLP			

Motion was made by Jerrilyn Frasier, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

Roberts, Kartina	4275	SLP Assistant
Benton, Megan	6041	SLP Assistant

ONGOING BOARD EDUCATION REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Board members discussed continuing education requirements, rules, and policy.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to revise the board's policy requiring all requests for continuing education extensions to be reviewed by the Board.

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to remove #3 regarding acceptable CE Audit Documents from continuing education in the Policy Manual.

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Jerrilyn Frasier and unanimously carried, to amend the last paragraph under Continuing Education Funding to add "and approved at a Board meeting".

Board staff will send out an email to licensees, create a social media post, and post newsletter article on website about continuing education received past the reporting period.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter dated February 23, 2018 from Verushka Vazquez requesting application fee refund

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Ramesh Bettagere and unanimously carried, to deny Ms. Vazquez's request for refund of the application fee.

2. Letter dated March 19, 2018 from Monica Kaniamattam, board requested report

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to accept the initial report from Monica Kaniamattam.

3. Letter dated March 19, 2018 from Elizabeth Dugas Wyatt, regarding Monica Kaniamattam

Motion was made by Jerrilyn Frasier, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to accept the initial report from Elizabeth Dugas Wyatt regarding Monica Kaniamattam.

4. Email dated April 4, 2018 from University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, regarding state recognition of "Accreditation Candidate Approved" programs

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to create a policy that students who have graduated from a university that is in candidacy for accreditation will be considered the same as those having graduated from a Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) program.

CONFERENCES:

Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS)

1. Request for Sponsorship of SPALS 2018 Conference

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to sponsor and exhibit at the SPALS 2018 Conference.

Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR)

1. CLEAR Membership Renewal

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to renew the board's membership with CLEAR.

National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB)

1. Call for Award Nominations

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to have Daphne Washington nominate Glenn Waguespack for an Honors Award through NCSB.

2. NCSB Newsletter Spring 2018

Board members reviewed the NCSB Spring Newsletter.

Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC)

1. CAC Annual Meeting, October 16-17, 2018, Washington D.C.

Board members discussed the possibility of Deanna Hardy attending the CAC Annual Meeting. Ms. Hardy will check her calendar and let the board know at the next meeting.

Louisiana Academy of Audiology (LAA)

Board members reviewed a letter from Steve Madix requesting sponsorship of the 2018 LAA Conference, as well as a board presentation.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to provide a \$3,000 sponsorship for continuing education to the Louisiana Academy of Audiology for the 2018 conference, which includes exhibiting.

Steve Harris and Glenn Waguespack will present on behalf of LBESPA. **Motion** was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to pay for related travel expenses for Steve Harris related to the LAA presentation on September 21, 2018.

Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA)

LSHA requested that the Board give a presentation at the LSHA Convention on June 16, 2018. **Motion** was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to pay for related travel expenses for Steve Harris to present at the LSHA Convention on behalf of the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Executive Director Update

Jolie Jones provided the board with the following updates:

- Tony McCoy, the Board's Investigator was sent to CLEAR's NCIT training
- Property Management Inventory Certification has been submitted
- In the process of switching checking accounts
- Professional contracts are being processed

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to change travel policy that board members/staff mileage will be reimbursed up to \$150 per trip (as defined by state policy) or the board member/staff can opt to rent a car through the state contract and be reimbursed for gas for board meetings and other travel obligations.

Motion was made by Jerrilyn Frasier, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to retroactively send Tony McCoy, the Board's Investigator, to the CLEAR NCIT training, and pay related travel expenses.

2. LBESPA Processing

The Board reviewed data for the period of January 22, 2018 – April 3, 2018.

The summary is as follows:

- initial applications – 31
- upgrade requests – 34
- applications approved - 30
- applications denied - 0
- upgrades approved - 32
- board member requests for additional information – 1
- online renewals – closed at this time
- renewals in the board office – closed at this time
- audits completed – closed at this time
- complaints received - 4

3. LBESPA Presentations

Steve Harris gave two presentations on March 15, 2018 at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The presentation was to 33 graduate students and 50 undergraduate students. Steve also gave a presentation to Hubbard and Tennyson regarding supervision on March 23, 2018 at New Orleans East Hospital to 45 professionals.

Theresa Rodgers gave two presentations on behalf of the board, one at LSU New Orleans and one at LSU Baton Rouge. Theresa is also planning to give the presentation at Southern University.

Daphne Washington is planning to give a presentation at Louisiana Tech University.

4. Compass and Speech Therapist Type C Teacher certification renewal

Board members reviewed information on Compass and speech therapist Type C Teacher certification renewal.

5. Legislative Session 2018

The board reviewed HB 748 by Representative Julie Emerson regarding occupational licensing boards and SB 40 by Senator Fred Mills.

6. Social Media Content Calendar

Jolie Jones will send new board members pictures and bios to Deanna Hardy to be posted on Facebook and a link to Facebook on the board's website.

7. English Proficiency

The board discussed English proficiency interviews. Annette Hurley will research other information and bring it back to the Board.

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



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



Deanna Hardy
Secretary/Treasurer