

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

April 5, 2019

Attending:

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

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Harris at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of 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, the Board's Legal Counsel, was present for a portion of the meeting. Jerrilyn Frasier joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Courtney Stewart was present on behalf of the Louisiana Academy of Audiology (LAA) to discuss concerns about the Rules, as well as cerumen management language in the Practice Act.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to adopt the Agenda as amended to add "NCSB 1. Call for Nominations and 2. Call for Award Nominations" under "Conferences".

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 8:32 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 Erica Chatelain, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. to take the following actions:

1. Review of Pending Complaints/Cases

a. Complaint #2016-08

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and unanimously carried, to set this matter for hearing on August 9, 2019.

b. Complaint #2018-15

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to release Respondent from the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order for successful completion.

c. Complaint #2018-16A

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to accept the supervision documentation submitted, approve for licensure upgrade, and release Respondent from the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order for successful completion.

d. Complaint #2019-01

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to set this matter for hearing on August 10, 2019.

e. Complaint #2019-13

Board members reviewed Respondent's rebuttal to the report in the National Practitioner DataBank (NPDB). No action was taken.

2. Review of New Complaints

a. Complaint #2019-16

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and unanimously carried, to accept complaint #2019-16 and refer to investigation. Annette Hurley will serve as the board member consultant in this case.

3. Review of Applications

a. KB

KB was previously granted a conditional license, which required double the supervision of an SLP Assistant for twelve weeks. KB's license lapsed and she did not complete the terms of the conditional license. The Board will send a letter noting that she is not in good standing and must not practice speech-language pathology without a valid license. If KB requests a verification for another state, the board will report that the license is not in good standing. In the future, if KB applies for reinstatement, she will also be required to appear before the Board for failure to complete the terms of the conditional license.

b. JM

Motion was made Erica Chatelain, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to approve JM for Provisional SLP Assistant licensure.

c. CD

Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to deny licensure for CD because she is in default of student loans.

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

Rice, Courtney	8292	L-SLP	Reed, Rachel	8293	L-SLP
Slack, Sarah Beth	8294	PL-SLP	Crenshaw, Megan	8296	L-SLP
Taylor, Meagan	8297	PL-SLP	Tolar, Ara	8298	L-SLP
Sturgill, Ariel	8299	L-SLP	Wang, Alicia	8302	L-SLP
Morgan, Aleaka	8303	L-SLP	Roberts, Tiffany	8304	L-SLP

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant** licenses:

Tallia, Brindley	8295	Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
Williams, Eboni	8300	Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
Digiacomio, Emily	8301	Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Jerrilyn Frasier and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:

Haydel, Hannah	8131	L-SLP	Tatum, Ashlee	8046	L-SLP
Bryant, Bailey	8199	L-SLP	Mouledous, Marissa	8000	L-SLP
Hill, Kayla	8056	L-SLP	Bosanko, Maria	7963	L-SLP
Fares, Nadine	8092	L-SLP	Jacobs, Taylor	8141	L-SLP
Ducote, Gerald	8134	L-SLP	Smith, Megan	8095	L-SLP
Fontenot, Stacy	7296	L-SLP	Laque, Laney	8132	L-SLP
Spillman, Danae	8094	L-SLP	Merrifield, Katie	8094	L-SLP
Durr, Rebecca	8138	L-SLP	Hyatt, Ethan	8106	L-SLP
Alleman, Natalie	8108	L-SLP	Daigrepont, Michelle	8125	L-SLP
Rodrigue, Lindsey	8177	L-SLP	Guice, Lauren	8097	L-SLP
Collier, Lauren	8053	L-SLP	Fontenot, Lauren	8175	L-SLP
Champagne, Tracie	7493	L-SLP	Johnson, Paige	8126	L-SLP
Maxwell, Allyson	8176	L-SLP			
Jackson, Fredericka	7552	Speech-Language Pathology Assistant			
Che, Taylore	8064	Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant			

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

Cole, Trayonna	7561 L-SLP	Odgen, Mackenzie	6900 L-SLP
Roy, Tara	5374 L-SLP		

MINUTES:

1. **Motion** was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to adopt the minutes of the meeting held February 15, 2019, as presented.

CONFERENCES:

Louisiana Academy of Audiology (LAA)

1. Request for Continuing Education Sponsorship for 2019 LAA Conference

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Jerrilyn Frasier and unanimously carried, to offer a \$3,000 continuing education sponsorship to LAA for their 2019 LAA Conference.

Steve Madix also requested a presentation on the license update at the LAA Conference. Most updates are related to speech. Dr. Annette Hurley has agreed to provide a presentation on telepractice, the elimination of the 1,820 hours and the addition of the ABA waiver.

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to create a policy that all presentations created or presented by board members or former board members on behalf of LBESPA, must be approved by the Executive Director and the Board Chairperson.

2. Inquiry regarding Rules Changes for Audiology

Board members reviewed a letter from LAA regarding the Board's recent rules changes, and specific language that was lacking in the documents. LBESPA is painfully aware that the changes that the Board made after the public hearing held are not reflected in the final document. The Board is in the process of promulgating new rules to make the changes.

3. Request for Consideration of Language Revisions regarding Cerumen Management

Courtney Stewart was present for this portion of the meeting. Ms. Stewart stated that LAA believes that cerumen management is inferred in the scope of practice. However, it is an issue with liability insurance. Cerumen management is covered in the scope of practice for AAA and ASHA. 24 states have it in their scope of practice. LAA feels that this adds values to the profession. Ms. Stewart stated that an ENT is a surgeon, and is not interested in earwax removal. Jerrilyn Frasier offered that the ENTs that she works with do not want to fool with cerumen management. Ms. Stewart noted there was previously no hands on training for Audiologists; however, audiologists are now provided with cerumen

management training in their university programs. LAA will offer cerumen management training, if it is added to the Practice Act.

Glenn Waguespack provided the Board's history with cerumen management. He feels that cerumen management should be in the scope of practice of Audiology. In 1995, the medical lobbyist had the Board remove it from legislation. Hearing aids and assistants were added to the law in 1995, so cerumen management fell by the way side. In 2016, Dr. Jeyakumar was on the Board, and felt that the climate was not right at that time. Since the Board no longer has a Medical Advisor, we do not have an ally to present this information to the Legislature, physicians or Louisiana State Medical Society.

Courtney Stewart said that LAA's lobbyist is prepared to fight it, but they will not be able to do so single handedly. Glenn Waguespack suggested that they meet with the Louisiana State Medical Society before moving forward.

Glenn Waguespack mentioned that the Otolaryngologists have opposed the licensure compact. The climate is such that deregulation of occupational licensing is a big trend. Recently, Utah almost lost their regulatory licensure.

Ayn Stehr, the Board's Legal Counsel, says that it is not inferred that cerumen management is included in the scope of practice because it was specifically removed.

Glenn Waguespack mentioned that anytime you open the licensure law, there is a danger that other things can be opened, changed, removed, etc. If LAA wants it removed, they can pursue it. The Board does not oppose it. Board members recommend that LAA looks at other licensure laws that have safeguards for cerumen management in place.

Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA)

1. Board Presentation at 2019 LSHA Convention

Steve Harris has been in touch with Julie Andries and is planning to submit a Call for Papers to LBESPA to present at the convention on Saturday. Glenn Waguespack and Steve Harris will provide the presentation on behalf of the Board.

National Council of State Boards (NCSB)

1. Call for Nominations

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to nominate Rachel Thompson of Wyoming to the NCSB Board of Directors.

2. Call for Award Nominations

The Board did not nominate anyone for an NCSB award.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Email dated March 11, 2019, from Felice Glapion question regarding SLPs providing fee based therapy for students on their caseload within the same district during the summer**

Board members noted that there is nothing specifically in the Board's Rules other than Code of Ethics 3b, so the Board recommends that Ms. Glapion check with the school board policy. The Board suggests to avoid the appearance of impropriety, Ms. Glapion may want to provide three names of other providers and have them sign that they understand that there are other options and that they are specifically aware of that.

Board members suggested that the Board consider Georgia's Code of Ethics related to remunerative conduct for future Rules revisions.

2. **Email dated April 3, 2019, from Belen Lopez inquiring about SLP Assistants and Medicaid coverage**

Board members reviewed a letter from Belen Lopez and referred her to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), as this is not in the Board's jurisdiction. The response letter should mention that the Rules were recently revised and SLP Assistants may not perform evaluations.

CONFERENCE CALL WITH DR. KERRI PHILLIPS REGARDING UPDATE ON LICENSURE COMPACT

Dr. Kerri Phillips, former LBESPA Board member and current member of the drafting team, provided LBESPA with an update on the licensure compact. Dr. Phillips stated that the interstate compact is in the drafting phase and the final draft is expected to be released in the near future. In order to move forward, ten licensure boards will need to participate. Those ten state boards will drive the compact and develop a commission that will have two representatives for each state. Dr. Phillips anticipates that the compact may take another 1-2 years to be able to allow boards to pass legislation. State participation in the compact will be voluntary. State licensed practitioners' participation in the compact is also voluntary. Currently, the compact does not include audiology or SLP assistants.

FINANCIALS:

1. **Financial Statements for the period ended January 31, 2019**

Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statements prepared by Champagne & Company, for the period ended January 31, 2019.

2. **Covalent Logic Contract Update**

Jolie Jones advised the Board that she was able to negotiate the programming rate for Covalent Logic to \$175 an hour.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Executive Director Update

Jolie Jones updated the board members on board training, office construction, property management certification, and a new copier.

2. LBESPA Processing

The Board reviewed data for the period of February 8, 2019 – March 28, 2019. The summary is as follows:

- initial applications – 25
- upgrade requests – 25
- applications approved - 23
- applications denied - 1
- upgrades approved - 24
- board member requests for additional information – 1
- online renewals – N/A
- renewals in the board office – N/A
- audits completed – N/A
- complaints received – 1
- National Data Bank queries – 20

3. International Graduates/Speakers of English as a Second Language

Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Jerrilyn Frasier and unanimously carried, to form a committee to include Daphne Washington, Erica Chatelain, and Annette Hurley, who will review the process and questions for International Graduates/Speakers of English as Second Language. The committee will provide a report at the June meeting.

4. Update on Board Member Nominations

The Board received ten SLP nominations and two consumer member nominations. All qualified nominees were submitted to the Governor this week.

5. Update on University Presentation

Steve Harris advised the Board that he updated the university presentation.

6. Rules Update

Jolie Jones informed the Board that the bulk of the revisions were effective February 20, 2019. Unfortunately due to an error, the revisions made after the hearing, including the ones requested and the ones the Board wished to make, were not implemented. Ms. Jones has begun the promulgation process again to make the revisions.

7. Revision of Supervision Forms

Jolie Jones presented revised supervision forms to reflect the Rules revisions. Board members added one sentence regarding monitoring activities to the Supervision Form 100.

8. LBESPA Newsletter

The Board will prepare a Newsletter to include: rules update, new board members, university presentation announcement, criminal background checks, telehealth registration, board office relocation, new forms, Facebook, and a spotlight about the change in delinquent period for renewals and postmark.

Steve Harris suggested that the Board consider requiring a jurisprudence exam in the future. Jolie Jones mentioned that she would like to offer online presentations for continuing education credit on supervision and ethics.

9. Election of Board Officers

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to nominate Glenn Waguespack for Chairperson.

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to nominate Erica Chatelain for Vice Chairperson.

10. Storing and Records Retention of Criminal Background Checks

Glenn Waguespack distributed a criminal background check table for board disposition.

Jolie Jones will talk to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to get more information about records retention of criminal background checks.

11. 2019 Regular Session Pre-Filed Bills

Board members reviewed SB29 and SB38.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



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



Deanna Hardy, Public Board Member
Secretary/Treasurer