

LOUISIANA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY (LBESPA)

IN THE MATTER OF  
TIFFANY F. SMITH

LBESPA ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMPLAINT #2011-04

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, this matter came before the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Board") pursuant to an application for licensure to practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist submitted by Tiffany F. Smith (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Applicant").

**WHEREAS**, the information received during the application process reflects that Ms. Smith practiced speech-language pathology without a valid license from July 12, 2010 through the present, in violation of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 37, Chapter 34; Section 2652 and in violation of the Louisiana Administrative Code's Professional and Occupational Standards (Title 46) for Speech Pathology and Audiology (Part LXXV), revised October 20, 2007.

**WHEREAS**, the Board is persuaded that it is in the best interest of the public to enter into this Consent Agreement and Order, the conditions of which are set forth hereafter;

**WHEREAS**, Applicant hereby formally waives any and all legal, administrative, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief which might be available under the



Administrative Procedure Act, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Act, or any other law or statute;

**WHEREAS**, the Board and Applicant have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve the licensure concerns. Applicant agrees to accept the following specified conditions in resolution of the concerns while maintaining that her actions were due to a lack of knowledge and without any intent to circumvent the law.

**WHEREAS**, by practicing without a valid license, Ms. Smith has violated her professional and ethical duty as set out in Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act LA R.S. 2652 by practicing speech-language pathology without a current, license, as well as LA R.S. 2662(A)(5) and (6) by engaging in unprofessional conduct, as defined by the rules established by the board, and has violated the code of ethics adopted and published by the board as identified in Rule 701(E)(2)(b) which states individuals shall hold the appropriate qualifications for the area(s) in which they are providing...professional services...; Rule 701(E)(4)(g) which states individuals shall not violate these principles and rules, nor attempt to circumvent them.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by LA R.S. 49:955(D), the Board orders and Tiffany F. Smith accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to the LA R.S. 49:958:

1. Within ninety (90) days of the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, Applicant shall successfully complete an open book examination, and pay all related testing fees, regarding Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2650-2666 (The



Practice Act); the Board's Rules, Regulations and Procedures; and Ethical Questions.

2. Applicant waives any and all legal, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief which might be available under the Administrative Procedures Act, and the statutory and procedural rules of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.
3. Applicant specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order in a timely manner without LBESPA's authorization shall result in **SUSPENSION** of licensure without further notice until such time as the Board receives and accepts documentation of Applicant's completion of the requirements set forth above. The admissions contained herein, will be considered proven and the only issue will be failure to follow the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.

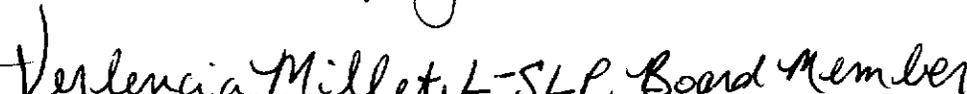
**THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER** is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act and the Rules, Regulations and Procedures. Licensee is to be Publicly Reprimanded for violation of the above referenced sections in the Practice Act (LA R.S. 37:2650 et seq.) and the Rules, Regulations and Procedures. Such reprimand shall include publication by LBESPA and notification to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank.



IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on this the 2nd day of October, 2010.

  
Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Chair

  
Theresa H. Rodgers, L-SLP, Vice Chair

  
~~Kerrilyn R. Phillips, L-SLP, Secretary-Treasurer~~  
Verlenia Millet, L-SLP, Board Member

  
Board Member

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Tiffany F. Smith, Applicant, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at New Orleans, Louisiana, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

  
Tiffany F. Smith

  
Notary

PAULA VINCENT JOHNSON  
NOTARY PUBLIC, #50040  
Orleans Parish, Louisiana  
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**NOTARIZATION REQUIRED**