

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

IN THE MATTER OF

LBESPA ADMINISTRATIVE

ANDREA BRANCH-MATHIS

#2012-01

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT LICENSE # 5553

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Andrea Branch-Mathis is a licensed Speech-Language Pathology Assistant subject to the jurisdiction and Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Board"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an administrative investigation, the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, Andrea Branch-Mathis, has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order as provided for in Rule No. 501(H) of the board's Rules, Regulations and Procedures and LA R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act; and

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, Andrea Branch-Mathis 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 Licensee have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve the complaint. Licensee agrees to accept the following specified conditions in resolution of the complaint.

WHEREAS, Andrea Branch-Mathis admits to providing speech-language pathology services from June 2010 through June 2011 without appropriate supervision, which is a violation of §127 of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures.

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 Andrea Branch-Mathis 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, Licensee 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. Licensee must complete double the required minimum supervision required to hold a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license for eight (8) months.
3. Licensee 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, notification to the Louisiana Speech-Language Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), the Department of Education, and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank.

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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 28 day of October, 2011.

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

Verlencia Millet
Verlencia Millet, L-SLP, Vice Chair

Kerrilyn Phillips
Kerrilyn Phillips, L-SLP, Secretary-Treasurer

Theresa Rodgers
Board Member - Recused from action

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Andrea Branch-Mathis, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on this 8th day of September, 2011.

Andrea Branch-Mathis
Andrea Branch-Mathis, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

[Signature]
Notary

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED

S. Scott Wilfong
Notary Public
LA Notary ID # 82151