

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

REC'D JAN 28 2013

IN THE MATTER OF
AMY N. BALLARD

LBESPA ADMINISTRATIVE
COMPLAINT #2013-03

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 Amy N. Ballard (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Applicant").

WHEREAS, information received during the application process and board meeting conducted on December 7, 2012, reflects that Ms. Ballard has been practicing speech-language pathology with an expired license since November 1, 2012, 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 September 20, 2011.

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.

WHEREAS, by practicing without a valid license, Ms. Ballard 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 Rule 701(E)(2)(b) which states individuals shall hold the appropriate qualifications for the area(s) in which they are providing...professional services.

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 Amy N. Ballard 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 shall pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00 within six (6) months from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.

3. Applicant shall complete a one thousand (1000) word narrative on the importance of licensure and ethical behavior within six (6) months of the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
4. Applicant acknowledges that license will be issued upon the signing of this Consent Agreement and Order.
5. 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.
6. 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, 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 22 day of February, 201~~2~~³.

Glenn Waguespack
Glenn Waguespack, L-AUD, Chair

Verlencia D. Millet
Verlencia Millet, L-SLP, Vice Chair

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

Lana DeSham
Board Member

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Amy N. Ballard, Applicant, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on this 19th day of December, 2012.

Amy N. Ballard
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Genevieve Fullington
Notary Genevieve Fullington
LA 008165
Commissioned For Life

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED