

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

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**LBESPA ADMINISTRATIVE**

**SARAH BURKS**

**COMPLAINT #2015-03**

**SLP ASSISTANT**

**LICENSE No. 3954**

**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 renewal of licensure to practice as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant submitted by Sarah Burks (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Applicant").

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Sarah Burks submitted an application for renewal of licensure on June 25, 2014, along with supervision documentation. Ms. Burks appeared before the Board in a Compliance Hearing on August 9, 2014. Based upon documentation submitted and testimony presented, 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 appropriate supervision Ms. Burks has violated her professional and ethical duty as set out in Rule 701(F)(2)(d) which states individuals shall not provide services unless appropriately supervised.

**WHEREAS**, by lacking appropriate documentation to support the services provided, Ms. Burks has also violated Rule 701 (F)(1)(d), which states individuals shall maintain adequate records of services rendered and products dispensed.

**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 Sarah Burks 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 must complete double the required supervision for a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license for a period of nine weeks, to include additional on-site and alternative supervision hours. Supervision Form 200s must be submitted on a monthly basis during the nine-week period.
3. 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.

4. 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, Louisiana Speech-Language Hearing Association (LSHA), 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 18th day of October, 2014.

Glenn Waguespack  
Glenn Waguespack, L-AUD, Chair

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Sarah Burks, Applicant, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at 10626 Linkwood Ct, Ste. C  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
Louisiana, on this 18th day of August, 2014.

Sarah Burks  
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A. Kip Hall  
Notary  
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Notary for Life  
Bar Roll No.: 21401

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED