

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
KIMBERLY SHAW COOKE**

**LICENSE NO. 5501
COMPLAINT NO. 2015-05**

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Kimberly Shaw Cooke (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Licensee") is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist 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 a complaint and an administrative investigation, the Speech-Language Pathologist, Kimberly Shaw Cooke, 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 Procedure Act; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Shaw Cooke has admitted the following:

1. The Licensee is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, a Speech-Language Pathologist licensed by the Board to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the LA Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, La. R.S. 37:2650, *et seq.*, as evidenced by License No. 5501.

2. At all times pertinent hereto, Licensee was actively engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology.

WHEREAS, the Board makes the following allegations that Licensee denies:

1. Based upon information available from the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office and various media reports, Licensee has engaged in unlawful behavior with one or more minor students.
2. By engaging in acts classified by the Louisiana Criminal Code as unlawful, Licensee has violated Rule 701E(4)(c) of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures which states that individuals shall not engage in any form of conduct that adversely reflects on the profession or the individual's fitness to serve persons professionally and 701(E)(4)(d) which states that individuals shall not engage in sexual activity with a patient/client or students over whom they exercise professional authority.

WHEREAS, Kimberly Shaw Cooke denies the allegations of the Board and makes no admission of wrongdoing;

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, Kimberly Shaw Cooke desires to enter into this Consent Agreement and Order, without admission of wrongdoing;

WHEREAS, Kimberly Shaw Cooke 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 Kimberly Shaw Cooke have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve the complaint. Kimberly Shaw Cooke agrees to accept the following specified conditions in resolution of the complaint.

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 Kimberly Shaw Cooke accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to the La. R.S. 49:958:

1. The Board's current emergency suspension of Kimberly Shaw Cooke's license, effective March 23, 2015, be and is hereby rescinded.
2. The Licensee shall, immediately upon signature of this agreement by the Board, cease and desist any and all practice of speech language pathology with any minors.
3. The Licensee shall, immediately upon signature of this agreement by the Board, cease and desist any and all practice of speech language pathology with any students, regardless of age, in secondary schools.
4. The Licensee shall, within three months after signature of this agreement by the board, and quarterly thereafter, forward to the Board an affidavit containing the following:
 - name of employer, if any;
 - setting of employment/practice (i.e., nursing home, hospital, etc.);

- demographics of clients/patients; and
 - statement that Licensee is complying with this Consent Agreement and Order.
5. Such terms shall remain in force and effect until a resolution of any ongoing and outstanding criminal investigations or actions against the Licensee, at which time, the Licensee or Board may seek modification or a rescinding of this Agreement and Order.
6. The Licensee specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order without the Board's authorization shall result in **REVOCATION** of licensure without further notice. The admissions and allegations 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 the Board, notification to the Department of Education, Louisiana Speech-Language Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS),

Early Steps, Washington Parish School Board, and 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 4th day of June, 2015.

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

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Glenn Waguespack, L-AUD, Vice Chair

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Tammy P. Crawford, L-SLP, Board Member

Laura H. Gresham
Laura H. Gresham, Board Member

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Kimberly Shaw Cooke, L-SLP, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on this 2nd day of June, 2015, before me, the undersigned Notary Public.

Kimberly Shaw Cooke
Kimberly Shaw Cooke, L-SLP

Ryan M. Seidenmann
Notary Public

Ryan M. Seidenmann (#28991)
My commission expires at death