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

IN THE MATTER OF  
BRIANNA JONES BUFORD  
PROVISIONAL SLP ASSISTANT

LBESPA ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMPLAINT #2016-04  
LICENSE No. 7311

**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 a request to upgrade a Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license submitted by Brianna Jones Buford (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Applicant/Licensee").

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brianna Jones Buford submitted a request to upgrade her Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license on August 6, 2015, along with supervision documentation. Ms. Buford appeared before the Board in a Compliance Hearing on October 16, 2015. 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/Licensee 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/Licensee 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. Buford 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.

**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 Brianna Jones Buford 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/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. Applicant/Licensee must complete double the required supervision for a Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license for a period of five calendar months, to include additional on-site and alternative supervision hours. Supervision Form 200s must be submitted on a monthly basis during the five month period.
3. Applicant/Licensee 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/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/Licensee'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. Applicant/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 Applicant/Licensee's employer of record, as well as notification to the Louisiana Speech-Language Hearing Association (LSHA), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), the Louisiana Department of Education, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

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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 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

Stephen J. Harris  
Stephen J. Harris, M.A., CCC-A, L-AUD/SLP, Chair

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, Brianna Jones Buford, Applicant/Licensee, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

Brianna Jones Buford  
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Julia O'Connell #134122  
Notary Public

**NOTARIZATION REQUIRED**