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LOUISIANA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

IN THE MATTER OF
DARA DEROCHE

LICENSE NO. 6115
COMPLAINT NO. 2020-14

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Dara Deroche was licensed as a Speech-Language Pathologist, subject to the jurisdiction, Practice Act, and Rules and Regulations, of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Board"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to information received during the reinstatement application process reflects that Ms. Deroche has been practicing speech-language pathology with an expired license from September 1, 2019 through January 24, 2020, 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).

WHEREAS, Dara Deroche has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order as provided for in Rule No. 501(J) of the Board's Rules and Regulations and LA R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act;

WHEREAS, Dara Deroche has admitted to the following:

1. Pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, Ms. Deroche was licensed by the Board as a Speech-Language Pathologist through June 30, 2019, and was

authorized to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology, in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, LA R.S. 37:2650, et seq., as evidenced by License Number 6115.

2. From September 1, 2019 through January 24, 2020, Respondent was actively engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology.

3. At all times pertinent hereto, Dara Deroche was employed as a Speech-Language Pathologist at Firstline Schools in New Orleans, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Dara Deroche failed to renew her licensure by the deadline and submitted an application for reinstatement of Speech-Language Pathology licensure online on August 20, 2019. Upon receipt of the application, the Board requested supporting documentation to complete the application process.

WHEREAS, Ms. Deroche 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)(4) which states individuals shall uphold the dignity and autonomy of the professions...and accept the professions' self-imposed standards, Rule 701(E)(4)(d) which states that individuals shall not engage in any form of conduct that adversely reflects on the professions..., Rule 701(E)(4)(e) which states that individuals shall not engage in ... negligence or fraud ..., and Rule 701(E)(4)(m) which states individuals shall comply with local, state, and federal laws and regulations applicable to professional practice...

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; and

WHEREAS, Dara Deroche 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 Dara Deroche have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve this issue. Ms. Deroche 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 Dara Deroche 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 and Regulations; and Ethical Questions, Part I.
2. Ms. Deroche shall pay a fine in the amount of \$1,500.00 within one (1) year from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. Quarterly payments are required with the first payment due within 90 days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
3. Ms. Deroche shall complete 10 hours of continuing education in the areas of professionalism, ethics, and recordkeeping. All courses must be pre-approved by the board prior to completion. A certificate of completion must be submitted at the

time of the renewal, but no later than June 30, 2020. These continuing education hours are in addition to those required for renewal of your license.

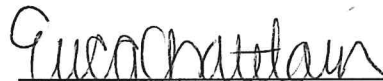
4. Ms. Deroche is to be Publicly Reprimanded for violation of the Practice Act (LA R.S. 37:2650, et seq.) and the Rules and Regulations. Such reprimand shall include publication by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, notification to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA), Speech Pathologists & Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), the Louisiana Department of Education, and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).
5. Ms. Deroche waives any and all legal, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief which might be available under the Administrative Procedure Act, and the statutory and procedural rules of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.
6. Ms. Deroche 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 Ms. Deroche'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.
7. Failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order will result in further publication by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, and notification to the American Speech-Language-

Hearing Association (ASHA), Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA), Speech Pathologists & Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), the Louisiana Department of Education, and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

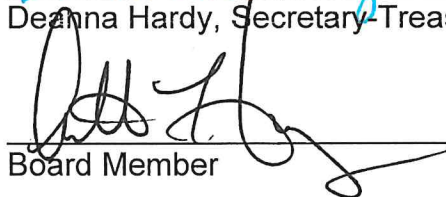
THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations.

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 Prairieville, Louisiana on this 15th day of May, 2020.

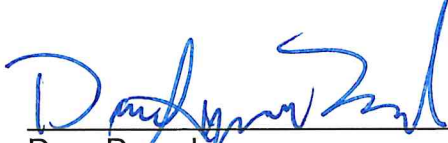

Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Chair


Erica Chatelain, L-SLP, Vice Chair


Deanna Hardy, Secretary-Treasurer


Board Member

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Dara Deroche, Applicant, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at METairie, Louisiana, on this 6th day of MARCH, 2020.


Dara Deroche


Notary

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED

