

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

IN THE MATTER OF

LBESPA COMPLAINT #2025-19

ANDREA GRIJALVA-BEJARANO

SLP ASSISTANT LICENSE #9189

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Andrea Grijalva-Bejarano (“Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano”) is a licensed Speech-Language Pathology Assistant subject to the jurisdiction and Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Board”), including the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:2650, *et seq.*), and the Professional and Occupational Standards for Speech Pathology and Audiology (LAC 46:LXXV §103, *et seq.*); at all times referenced; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to two complaints and an investigation, the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, Andrea Grijalva-Bejarano, 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 and Regulations and La. R.S. 49:975(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Grijalva-Bejarano has admitted the following:

1. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano is and was, at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant licensed by the Board 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 No. 9189.

2. At all times pertinent hereto, Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano was actively engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology and employed by St. John the Baptist Parish Schools.

WHEREAS, the Board's investigation revealed:

- a. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano documented and billed Medicaid for dates and times when she could not have seen the students for which Medicaid was billed.
- b. Medicaid billing for students MN and CN was voided for the whole year (2024-2025) because of discrepancies in the billing dates and times and the schedule of the students.
- c. For student MN, there were discrepancies noted on: 10/23/24, 12/11/24, 2/03/25, 2/10/25, 2/17/25, 3/17/25, 3/26/25, 4/04/25, 4/07/25, and 4/09/25, in which the child could not have been provided speech-language pathology services on the dates and times documented.
- d. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano claimed a total of 15 visits for student MN. A review of the relevant documentation during the investigation revealed that 10 of those visits were invalid.
- e. For student CN, there were discrepancies noted on 10/31/24 and 02/03/25, in which the student could not have been provided speech-language pathology services on the dates and times documented.

WHEREAS, by not providing required services to students, Andrea Grijalva-Bejarano engaged in conduct likely to harm the public and demonstrated a willful

disregard for the welfare of consumers, which is a violation of **La. R.S. 37:2662.A.(4)**. Such conduct is also a violation of **Rule 701.F.(1)**, which states that: licensees shall honor their responsibility to hold paramount the welfare of persons they serve ...provide services with honesty and compassion, and respect the rights of those served. The licensee shall take all reasonable precautions to avoid harm to the individual served.

WHEREAS, by billing for services not rendered, Andrea Grijalva-Bejarano is in violation of **La. R.S. 37:2662(3)** and **Rule 701.F.(1)(h)** of the Rules and Regulations, which states that individuals shall maintain timely and adequate records of services rendered, shall not charge for services not rendered, and shall not misrepresent services rendered.... **Rule 701.F.(3)(c)** of the Rules and Regulations, which states that individuals shall not misrepresent...services rendered or any information, or engage in any scheme or maneuver to defraud in connection with obtaining payment or reimbursement of services. She is also in violation of **Rule 701.F.(4)(b)** of the Rules and Regulations, which states that individuals shall not engage in dishonesty, negligence, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

WHEREAS, by falsifying documentation for services, Andrea Grijalva-Bejarano is in violation of **La. R.S. 37:2662(3)** and **Rule 701E(3)(d)** of the Rules and Regulations, which states that individuals shall not make false statements regarding areas of practice and shall complete all materials and documents honestly and without omission.

WHEREAS, Andrea Grijalva-Bejarano engaged in **unprofessional conduct**, which is a violation of **La. R.S. 37:2662(5)**. Such conduct is also a violation of **Rule**

701.F.(4)(i), which states that individuals shall comply with local, state, and federal laws and regulations applicable to practice and research.

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, Andrea Grijalva-Bejarano hereby formally waives any and all legal, administrative, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief that may be available in the Administrative Procedure Act, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:2650, *et seq.*), the Professional and Occupational Standards for Speech Pathology and Audiology (LAC 46:LXXV §103, *et seq.*), or any other law;

WHEREAS, the Board and Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve the complaint. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano 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. 49:975(D), the Board orders and Andrea Grijalva-Bejarano accepts the following administrative action, which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:977:

1. The license of Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano to be engaged in the practice of Speech-Language Pathology in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by License Number 9189 is REPRIMANDED based upon the allegations set forth herein. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano accepts and shall maintain strict compliance with the following terms and conditions.

2. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano shall successfully complete an open book examination, regarding Louisiana Revised Statutes 37:2650-2666 (The Practice Act); the Board's Rules and Regulations; and Ethical Questions, within ninety (90) days from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, and pay all related testing fees.
3. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano shall complete ten (10) hours of continuing education in documentation, ethics and recordkeeping. All courses must be pre-approved by the Board. A certificate of completion must be submitted by May 31, 2026. These continuing education hours are in addition to those required for renewal of her Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license.
4. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano shall pay a \$2,000.00 fine within eighteen (18) months from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, which payments shall be made by credit or debit card. The payment(s) shall be made on a quarterly basis, in accordance with due dates established by the Board. The first quarterly payment is due within ninety (90) days from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
5. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano shall pay the investigative costs of adjudicating this matter in the amount of \$600.00 within 90 days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order which payment shall be made by credit or debit card.
6. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano waives any and all legal, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief which might be available under the Administrative Procedure Act, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:2650, *et*

seq.), the Professional and Occupational Standards for Speech Pathology and Audiology (LAC 46:LXXV §103, *et seq.*), or any other law.

7. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order in a timely manner without LBESPA's authorization shall be grounds for the **SUSPENSION** of her license pending further proceedings before the Board. 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.

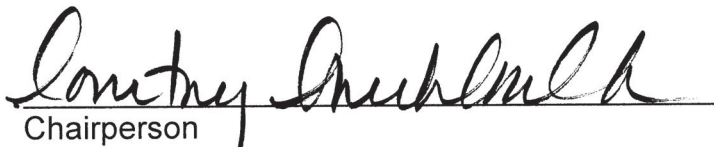
THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations. Ms. Grijalva-Bejarano is to be Publicly Reprimanded for violation of the above referenced sections in the Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:2650, *et seq.*) and the Board Rules and Regulations. Such reprimand shall include publication by LBESPA, notification to American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

I, **ANDREA GRIJALVA-BEJARANO**, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of Case No. 2025-19 by Consent Agreement and Order pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the Order set forth hereinbefore and further waive any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, my agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Board attorney or LBESPA Executive Director to present this Order to LBESPA for its consideration and to

disclose to and discuss with LBESPA the nature and results of the investigation of this matter. I herein waive any objection to such disclosure based on due process of law under either the State or Federal Constitution or under State statutory law, including La. R.S. 49:977.2. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to LBESPA shall be without prejudice to the attorney's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or LBESPA's capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should LBESPA decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should LBESPA approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

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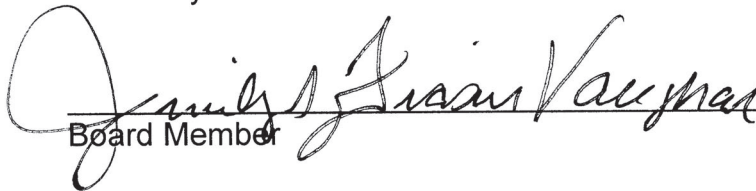
IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on this 20th day of March, 2026.


Chairperson

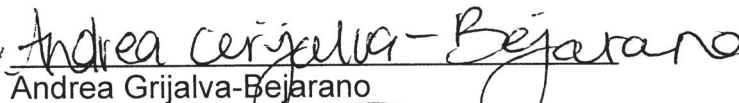

Vice Chairperson



Secretary/Treasurer


Board Member

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Andrea Grijalva-Bejarano, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Greisner, Louisiana, on this 21st day of January, ~~2025~~ 2026


Andrea Grijalva-Bejarano


Notary Public