

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

**IN THE MATTER OF

HARLEIGH FARACE**

**LBESPA COMPLAINT #2026-01

SLP ASSISTANT LICENSE #8514**

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Harleigh Farace (“Ms. Farace”) 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 a complaint and an administrative investigation, the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, Harleigh Farace, 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, Harleigh Farace has admitted the following:

1. Ms. Farace 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. 8514.

2. Ms. Farace has held a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license since October 4, 2021, and the supervision requirements remain unchanged since the date of her initial licensure.
3. At all times pertinent hereto, Ms. Farace was actively engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology and contracted/employed by the Tangipahoa Parish School System.
4. As a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, Ms. Farace is required to obtain supervision at the rate of a minimum of one clock hour of direct supervision and one clock hour of indirect supervision each week in the primary work setting.
5. Ms. Farace's Speech-Language Pathology supervisor of record at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, was Christina Gutierrez, license #8368.

WHEREAS, the Board's investigation revealed:

- a. At the time of renewal, Ms. Farace provided documentation of her supervision, which revealed that the supervision of her practice during 31 of the 39 school weeks failed to meet the minimum requirements of a speech-language pathology assistant license as set forth in the Board's Rules and Regulations and Practice Act.
- b. Neither Ms. Farace nor her supervisor, Ms. Gutierrez, were able to submit documentation to prove that the required supervision was obtained.

WHEREAS, by failing to obtain appropriate supervision as defined in Rule 131.R., Harleigh Farace is in violation of La. R.S. 37:2662(6) and Rule 701.F.(2)(c), which states that individuals shall not provide services unless appropriately supervised, and Rule 701.F.(2) of the Rules and Regulations, which states that individuals shall honor their responsibility to achieve and maintain the highest level of competence and performance.

WHEREAS, Harleigh Farace 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, and La. R.S. 37:2662(6), by violating any lawful order, rule or regulation rendered or adopted by the board.

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, Harleigh Farace 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. Farace have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve the complaint. Ms. Farace 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 Ms. Farace accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:977:

1. The license of Ms. Farace to be engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by License Number 8514 is hereby placed on PROBATION based upon the allegations set forth herein. Ms. Farace accepts and shall maintain strict compliance with the following terms and conditions.
2. Ms. Farace shall pay a \$500.00 fine within ninety (90) days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, which one-time payment shall be made by credit or debit card.
3. Ms. Farace shall undergo double the supervision required of a full-time speech-language pathology assistant for one year from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. More specifically, she shall obtain a minimum of two clock hours of direct supervision and two clock hours of indirect supervision each week. Ms. Farace shall not be eligible for a change in license type until the additional supervision requirements are met in accordance with this Consent Agreement and Order.
4. Ms. Farace and her Speech-Language Pathology supervisor shall submit quarterly reports to include completed Supervision Form 200s, which are satisfactory to the Board.

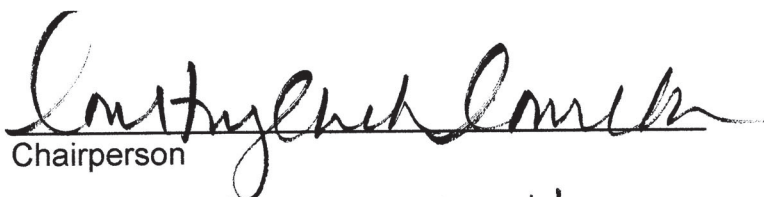
5. Ms. Farace waives any and all legal, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief which might be available under the Administrative Procedure Act, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:2650, *et seq.*), the Professional and Occupational Standards for Speech Pathology and Audiology (LAC 46:LXXV §103, *et seq.*), or any other law.
6. Ms. Farace 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.

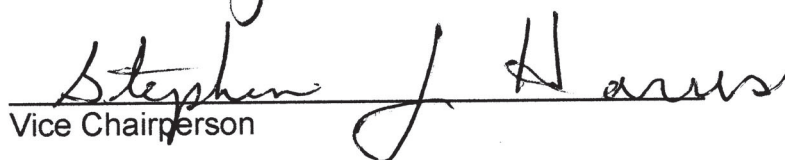
THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations. Ms. Farace is to be Publicly Reprimanded for violation of the above referenced sections in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

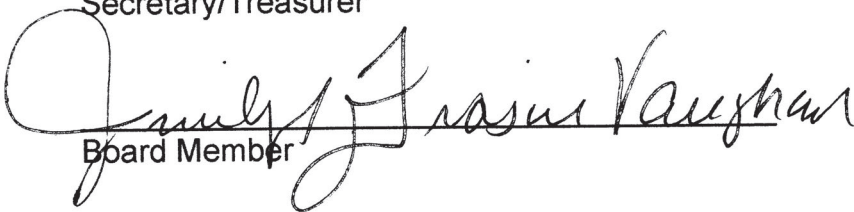
I, **HARLEIGH FARACE**, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of Case No. 2026-01 by Consent Agreement and Order pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consent to the entirety 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.

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, 2021.


Chairperson


Vice Chairperson


Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer

Board Member

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Harleigh Farace, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant,
has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at
Loranger, Louisiana, on this 11 day of
December, 2025.

Harleigh Farace
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Tara Easley
Notary Public



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Notary Public
Notary ID No. 165409
Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana