

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

IN THE MATTER OF

LBESPA ADMINISTRATIVE

BRANDIE OLSEN

CASE #2024-12

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 reinstatement application for licensure to practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist submitted by Brandie Olsen (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Applicant”).

WHEREAS, information received during the application process and compliance hearing conducted on April 19, 2024, reflects that Ms. Olsen practiced speech-language pathology without a license from July 1, 2023 through February 6, 2024, in violation of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 37, Chapter 34; Section 2652 (La. R.S. 37:2652) and in violation of the Professional and Occupational Standards for Speech Pathology and Audiology (LAC 46:LXXV §103, *et seq.*).

WHEREAS, Brandie Olsen has admitted to the following:

1. Pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, the Applicant was licensed by the Board as a Speech-Language Pathologist from June 12, 1998 through June 30, 2023, 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 4327.

2. From October 17, 2022 through the present date, Ms. Olsen has been and is employed as a full-time Speech-Language Pathologist with the Special School District.

WHEREAS, Ms. Olsen has violated her professional and ethical duty as set forth in the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, specifically La. R.S. 37:2652, by practicing speech-language pathology without a current license, as well as Rule 701(E)(4), which states that 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..., and Rule 701(E)(4)(m), which states that 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. The parties enter into this Consent Agreement and Order pursuant to the authority provided in Rule No. 501(H) of the Board's Rules and Regulations and La. R.S. 49:975(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act.

WHEREAS, Applicant 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 Applicant have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve the captioned case and Applicant agrees to accept the following specified conditions in resolution of the matter.

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 Brandie Olsen accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to the LA R.S. 49:977:

1. The license of Ms. Olsen to be engaged in the practice of Speech-Language Pathology in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by License Number 4237 is **REPRIMANDED** based upon the allegations set forth herein. Ms. Olsen accepts and shall maintain strict compliance with the following terms and conditions.
2. 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 La. R.S. 37:2650-2666 (The Practice Act); the Board's Rules and Regulations; and Ethical Questions.
3. Applicant shall pay a fine in the amount of \$1,500.00 within one and a half (1 ½) years 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.
4. Applicant shall complete ten (10) hours of continuing education, in the areas of professionalism, ethics, and recordkeeping, in addition to the ten (10) regularly required hours of continuing education for annual renewal. All courses must be pre-approved by the Board prior to completion. A certificate of attendance for the

courses must be submitted at the time of license renewal, but no later than May 31, 2025.

5. Applicant acknowledges that a license will be issued upon the signing of this

Consent Agreement and Order.

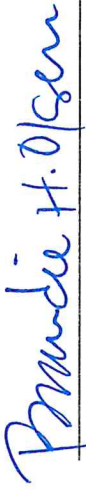
6. Applicant waives any and all legal, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief which might be available under the Administrative Procedure Act, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:2650, *et seq.*), the Professional and Occupational Standards for Speech Pathology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

7. Applicant specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order pursuant to the terms set forth Paragraphs 2-6, above, without LBESPA's authorization, shall result in the **SUSPENSION** of her license without further notice until such time as the Board receives and accepts documentation of Applicant'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. Such failure to comply with the terms of the 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), Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), 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. Applicant 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's Rules and Regulations. Such reprimand shall include publication by LBESPA, letter to Applicant's employer of record, notification to American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA), Speech Pathologists & Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

I, **BRANDIE OLSEN**, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of Case No. 2024-12 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.



BRANDIE OLSEN

May 3, 2024

Date

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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 Prairieville, Louisiana on this 24th day of May, 2024.

Jessie F. Vaughan
Jessilyn F. Vaughan, Au.D., L-AUD/SLP, Chair

Deanna Hardy
Deanna B. Hardy, Vice Chair

Courtney Cheek Couvillon
Courtney Cheek Couvillon, L-SLP, Secretary/Treasurer

[Signature]
Board Member

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Brandie Olsen, Applicant, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Baton Rouge (EBRP), Louisiana, on this 3rd day of May, 2024.

Brandie Olsen
Brandie Olsen



Whitney Higginbotham Greene #32482
Notary
Whitney Higginbotham Greene
My commission expires at death.

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED