

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

IN THE MATTER OF

DENISE OLIVER

LICENSE #3585

LBESPA COMPLAINT

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Denise Oliver is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist 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"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a complaint received resulting in an investigation by the Board, Ms. Oliver was charged with a "DWI" in January 2017 and failed to disclose the charge on her online licensure renewal application which was submitted on June 12, 2017. Denise Oliver has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order as provided for in Rule No. 501(G) of the board's Rules and Regulations and LA R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act; and

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, Denise Oliver 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 Practice Act, or any other law or statute;

WHEREAS, the Board and Denise Oliver have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve the complaint. Denise Oliver agrees to accept the following specified conditions in resolution of the complaint.

WHEREAS, Denise Oliver is employed as the Director of Rehab at Rapides Regional Medical Center located in Alexandria, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Denise Oliver has violated her professional and ethical duty as set forth in LA R.S. 37:2662 (A)(2) by obtaining the license by means of fraud, misrepresentation or concealment of material facts, and in the code of ethics adopted and published by the Board as follows:

701(E)(4)(b) "Individuals shall not engage in dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation."

WHEREAS, Denise Oliver has violated her professional and ethical duty as set forth in LA R.S. 37:2662 (A)(5), by engaging in unprofessional conduct, as defined by the rules established by the board, and has violated the code of ethics adopted and published by the board as follows:

701(E)(4) "Individuals shall honor their responsibilities to the professions and their relationships with colleagues, students, and members of other professions and disciplines. Individuals shall uphold the dignity and autonomy of the professions, maintain harmonious interprofessional and intraprofessional relationships, and accept the professions' self-imposed standards."

WHEREAS, Denise Oliver has violated her professional and ethical duty as set forth in LA R.S. 37:2662 (A)(6) by violating any lawful order, rule or regulation rendered or adopted by the board.

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 Denise Oliver 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, Denise Oliver shall successfully complete an open book examination on the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, the Rules and Regulations, and Ethical Questions. Denise Oliver shall pay all costs associated with the open book examination.
2. Denise Oliver 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 Denise Oliver'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 for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations is a matter of public record.

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 and Regulations. Such reprimand shall include publication by LBESPA, notification to Ms. Oliver's employer, the Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), Louisiana Department of Education, 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 the
1st day of December, 2017

Stephen J. Harris
Chair

Daphne Waff
Vice Chair

Jimmy Crawford
Secretary-Treasurer

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Denise Oliver, has entered into this Consent
Agreement and Order and executed same at Alexandria,
Louisiana, on this 12th day of September, 2017.

Denise L. Oliver
Denise Oliver

Deborah F. Watson
Notary
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NOTARIZATION REQUIRED