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

IN THE MATTER OF

LBESPA COMPLAINT

CHRISTINA MENDEL LAMBERT

#2015-04

LICENSE #5322

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Christina Mendel Lambert, was 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, information received during the application process and compliance hearing conducted on December 5, 2016, reflects that Ms. Lambert practiced speech-language pathology with an expired license from July 1, 2012 through June 2014, 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, 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, Christina Mendel Lambert 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 Christina Mendel Lambert have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve the complaint. Ms. Lambert agrees to accept the following specified conditions in resolution of the complaint.

WHEREAS, Christina Mendel Lambert was licensed as a Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist from June 2, 2004 through August 18, 2005; and licensed as a Speech-Language Pathologist from August 19, 2005 through June 30, 2012. Ms. Lambert was thereafter ineligible to renew her licensure due to a default on student loans which was brought into good standing on March 26, 2014; therefore, a reinstatement application was not received until October 14, 2016.

WHEREAS, Christina Mendel Lambert was employed by EarlySteps at all times pertinent to this matter;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lambert has violated her ethical and professional duty as set forth by LA R.S. 37:2652. by engaging in the practice of speech-language pathology in Louisiana with a lapsed license, and as defined by the rules established by the Board, is a violation of the code of ethics adopted and published by the Board as identified in:

701(E)(1) which states that licensees shall honor their responsibility to hold paramount the welfare of persons they serve and provide professional services with honesty and compassion and shall respect the

dignity, worth, and rights of those served. The licensee shall take all reasonable precautions to avoid harm to the individual served professionally;

701(E)(3)(a) which states that individuals shall not misrepresent their credentials, competence, education, training or experience;

701(E)(3)(d) which states that individuals shall not misrepresent diagnostic information, services rendered, or products dispensed, or engage in any scheme or maneuver to defraud in connection with obtaining payment or reimbursement for such services or product; and

701(E)(4)(b) which states individuals shall not engage in dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

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 Christina Mendel Lambert accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to the LA R.S. 49:958:

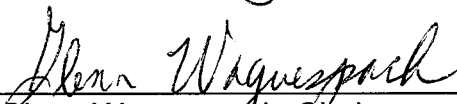
1. Ms. Lambert's speech-language pathology license will be issued and immediately suspended for one (1) year from the date she signs this Consent Agreement and Order.
2. Within ninety (90) days of the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, Ms. Lambert shall successfully complete an open book examination on the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, the Rules and Regulations, and Ethical Questions. Ms. Lambert shall pay all costs associated with the open book examination.

3. Ms. Lambert shall pay a fine in the amount of \$2,500.00 within one (1) year from the date 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. Ms. Lambert shall submit twenty-five (25) hours of continuing education in the area of speech-language pathology, owed for the years her license was lapsed, in addition to five (5) hours of continuing education in Ethics within one (1) year. Continuing education courses must be submitted to the Board for pre-approval.
5. Ms. Lambert 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 REVOCATION of licensure without further notice until such time as the Board receives and accepts documentation of Ms. Lambert'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.

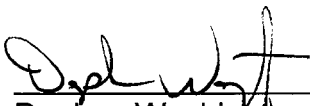
THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act and the Rules, Regulations and Procedures. Licensee is to be Publicly Reprimanded for violation of the above referenced sections in the Practice Act (LA R.S. 37:2650 et seq.) and the Rules and Regulations. Such reprimand shall include publication by LBESPA

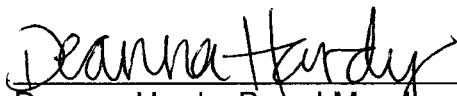
(newsletter and website), notification to the Louisiana Speech-Language Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), EarlySteps, and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

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 the 10th day of February, 2017.


Glenn Waguespack, Chair


Stephen J. Harris, Vice Chair


Daphne Washington, Secretary-Treasurer


Deanna Hardy, Board Member

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IN WITNESS HEREOF, Christina Mendel Lambert, has entered into this
Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at
METairie, Louisiana, on this 12 day of
January, 2017.

Christina Mendel Lambert
Christina Mendel Lambert LA-02-2017

Notary Public

