

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
EMILY PELICAN**

**LBESPA ADMINISTRATIVE
CASE #2023-09**

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 Emily Pelican (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Applicant”).

WHEREAS, information received during the application process and compliance hearing conducted on February 11, 2023, reflects that Ms. Pelican practiced speech-language pathology without a license from August 2022 through February 6, 2023, 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, Emily Pelican 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 August 7, 2010 through June 30, 2022, 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 6200.

2. From August 2022 through February 6, 2023, Ms. Pelican was employed as a full-time Speech-Language Pathologist with Allen Parish School Board, and also did some contract speech-language pathology work.

3. During the time frame of unlicensed practice, Applicant billed for services provided.

WHEREAS, Ms. Pelican has violated her professional and ethical duty as set out in Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act LA R.S. 37:2652 by practicing speech-language pathology without a current license, as well as Rule 701(E)(4) which states 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..., Rule 701(E)(4)(e) which states that individuals shall not engage in ... negligence or fraud ..., and Rule 701(E)(4)(m) which states 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. A Consent Agreement and Order is provided for in Rule No. 501(J) of the board's Rules and Regulations and LA R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act;

WHEREAS, Applicant 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 Applicant have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve the licensure concerns. 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. 49:955(D), the Board orders and Emily Pelican 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, Applicant shall successfully complete an open book examination, and pay all related testing fees, regarding Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2650-2666 (The Practice Act); the Board's Rules and Regulations; and Ethical Questions.
2. 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.
3. 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 June 30, 2023.
4. Applicant acknowledges that a license will be issued upon the signing of this Consent Agreement and Order.

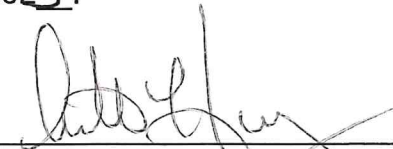
5. Applicant waives any and all legal, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief which might be available under the Administrative Procedures Act, and the statutory and procedural rules of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.
6. Applicant specifically 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 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), 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 Rules and Regulations. Such reprimand shall include publication by LBESPA, letter to employer on record, notification to American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing

Association (LSHA), Speech Pathologists & Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), and the National Practitioner DataBank (NPDB).

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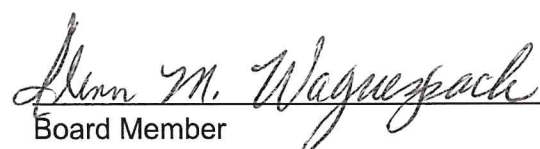
IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Prairieville, Louisiana on this 21st day of July, 2023.


Annette E. Hurley, Ph.D., L-AUD, Chair

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Erica A. Chatelain, M.Ed., L-SLP, Vice Chair


Deanna B. Hardy, Secretary/Treasurer


Board Member

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Emily Pelican, Applicant, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Kinder, Louisiana, on this 16 day of February, 2023.




Emily Pelican


Notary 50286

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED