

South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 17, 2003, 2:00 P.M.
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 111
Columbia, SC 29211

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gwendolyn Wilson, Ed.D., CCC-A, Chairperson
Lynn Lehman, Au.D, FAAA, Vice-Chair
Eleanor G. Smith, M.A., CCC-SLP

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Veronica Reynolds, Administrator
Larry Atkins, POL Investigator
William Cooper, Ph.D., FAAA, IRC Consultant
Mary L. Stepling, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, IRC Consultant
Martha McDade, M.S., CCC-SLP, IRC Consultant
Sharon Dantzler, General Counsel
Harvey Shiver, Board Assistant
Andrea Patrick, Board Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology office, lobby of the Kingtree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Wilson, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. The meeting was held in Room 108, Kingtree Bldg., 110 Centerview Dr., Columbia, South Carolina

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The July 17, 2003 Quarterly Meeting Agenda was presented for review and approval.

Motion: Ms. Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda.
The motion was seconded and approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for January 17, 2003 were presented for review and approval.

Motion: Dr. Lehman made a motion to approve the minutes for January 17, 2003. The motion was seconded and approved.

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Reynolds stated the Board's renewal period had ended on March 31, 2003. The Board staff mailed out a total of 520 renewal applications. Ms. Reynolds informed the Board South Carolina Speech and Hearing Association (SCSHA) had contacted the Board to extend an invitation to be a presenter at its February 2004 state conference to be held in Hilton Head, SC.

5. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Ms. Smith made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to obtain legal advice, in compliance with Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: After obtaining legal advice in Executive Session a motion was made to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

6. DISCIPLINARY CASES

The Board resumed public session and voted as follows:

Complaint 2003-01: **Motion:** Dr. Lehman moved to issue a formal compliant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Complaint 2003-03: **Motion:** Dr. Lehman moved to issue a formal compliant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Complaint 2003-04: **Motion:** Dr. Lehman moved to issue a formal compliant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Complaint 2003-05: **Motion:** Dr. Lehman moved to issue a formal compliant. The motion was seconded and approved.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. Application Hearings

- a. Serena M. Valdivieso:** Ms. Valdivieso did not make a personal appearance before the Board.

Motion: In open session Ms. Smith made a motion to issue an Intern license. The motion was seconded and approved.

- b. Katrina I. Banowetz:** Ms. Banowetz made a personal appearance before the Board.

Motion: Ms. Smith made a motion to issue Ms. Banowetz an intern license with the condition that prior to license upgrade she must have SLED send a report directly to the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

2. Request for Licensure Approval without CCC's.

- a. Brenda Tomlin:** Ms. Tomlin made a personal appearance before the Board.

Dr. Wilson stated in order for the Board to issue a license it must show the applicant has met the licensure requirements. The applicant must submit evidence to show a post - graduate degree from a school or program determined to be equivalent to those accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of The American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA). Ms. Tomlin did not have her ASHA CCC's and her transcript did not indicate the master's degree was from a program equivalent to the current accredited ASHA standards. The Board recommended Ms. Tomlin re-examine her transcript coursework and work experience for compliance with the current ASHA standards and licensure requirements. The Board informed Ms. Tomlin it could not issue a license until she could show her education requirements were equivalent to the current standards.

3. Board Policy on Homeland Security in Declared Emergencies.

The office of General Counsel presented information regarding the implementation of Homeland Security Act in a declared emergency.

Motion: Ms. Smith made a motion to approve a limited waiver of all fees and licensure requirements for out-of-state health care providers who are in good standing in their home state and who limit their activities to emergency response duties and responsibilities assigned and directed by DHEC representative during a declared public health emergency.

8. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Legislative Update on Status of Hearing Aid Dealer Bill

a. Ms. McDade and Ms. Reynolds updated the Board on the legislative session and stated the bill had to go through the House of Representatives.

b. *NCSB/ October 2003*

Dr. Wilson informed the Board she would be attending the National Council of State Boards for Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist Conference in October 2003.

c. *October 2003 Board Meeting*

Dr. Lehman made a motion to cancel the Board meeting scheduled for October 16, 2003. Dr. Wilson will be attending the National Council of State Boards for Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist (NCSB) conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The motion was seconded and approved.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2004, Kingstree Building, Room 111

Administrator

Date