

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Board Meeting
Friday, October 29, 2010, 10:00 A.M.
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina**

Board Members Present

Gwendolyn Wilson, Ed.D CCC-A, Chairperson
June K. Maranville, M.S.P, CCC-SLP
Walter L. Roark, III, Public Member
Sarah H. Powell, M.Ed., CCC-SLP

Others Present

Veronica Reynolds, Administrator
Sharon Dantzler, LLR, OGC
Georgia Lewis, LLR, OGC
Gwendolyn Green, Esq., Legal Advisor
Janice D. Meetze, 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 present at all times.

Call to Order

Dr. Wilson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., Room 204, Kingtree Bldg, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

Approval of Agenda

The October 29, 2010 Agenda was presented for review and approval.

Motion: Ms. Maranville made a motion to accept the order of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Powell and approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ms. Maranville made a motion to accept the July 15, 2010 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Powell and approved.

Administrator's Report

Ms. Reynolds stated that renewal notices will be mailed in mid-January. Previously lapsed licenses have been reinstated by paying a \$50 reinstatement fee along with the \$220 renewal fee. Since the Board cannot develop policy unless it reverts back to the law, a review of the statutes and regulations was recommended for early spring 2011 along with consideration of administering a jurisprudence exam.

The 2011 SCSHA Convention Call for Papers deadline of August 31, 2010 has past. The Board agreed to forfeit the conference this year and opted to research and plan for February 2012 from an educational aspect for the individuals who will be impacted by the changes in 2015.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report:

Mr. Mark Sanders reported that the Investigative Review Committee met on October 28, 2010 and recommended dismissals of two cases, Key #1 and Key #2.

Motion: Ms. Maranville made a motion to accept the recommendation of the IRC Committee for two case dismissals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roark and approved. A case status statistical report was also provided.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Lewis reported that as of October 21, 2010 there are two open cases, i.e., one pending action, one final order hearing, and three cases were closed on or after January 1, 2009.

Motion: Ms. Maranville made a motion to accept the report of the Office of General Counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roark and approved.

Old Business

Monitoring/Audit Procedures for Speech Assistants

A new form based on the regulations has recently been implemented which advises individuals who are supervising speech assistants that logs need to be maintained and are subject to being audited at any time. A transition period of six months was recommended to avoid confusion between CE audits as opposed to being audited for speech assistants. A log is available on the LLR web site that can be downloaded and printed. With the approaching 2015 deadline for all public school speech pathologists to have a master's degree, baseline data obtained from educational programs in the state would be helpful before the surge of individuals who were never licensed and/or credentialed. The audit would be conducted by Board members and would help identify any discrepancies that could act as a catalyst before the surge. Ms. Reynolds recommended conducting panel discussions at schools to educate the potential licensees of the requirements before they start applying for state licensure.

New Business

Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations

1. **Jane H. Thoennes:** Ms. Thoennes made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by Legal Counsel. Ms. Thoennes is requesting approval of a Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations entered into between the South Carolina Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the Respondent voluntarily.

Motion: Mr. Roark made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: Mr. Roark made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Maranville made a motion that a public reprimand, a six-month suspension, One hundred (100) hours of community service outside the field of Speech-Language Pathology to be approved by the Board, an ASHA-approved ethics course, and a South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation board ethics' course, One thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine to be paid within one year, and probation for two years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roark and approved.

Application Hearings

1. **April D. Burris-Chisholm:** Ms. Burris-Chisholm made a personal appearance before the Board to determine whether she should be granted licensure as a Speech-Language Assistant due to questions arising from an affirmative answer on her application to having pled nolo contendere to any felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation.

Motion: Ms. Maranville made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: Ms. Maranville made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion : In open session, Ms. Maranville made a motion that a license be granted with the following conditions a two-year probation and receipt of a SLED report. The motion was seconded and approved.

2. **Mary Kay Walters:** Ms. Walters made a personal appearance before the board to determine whether she should be granted a license as a speech-language assistant. Ms. Walters graduated from Winthrop University, but her application does not indicate that she has one hundred clinical practicum hours as part of her degree.

Motion: Mr. Roark made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and carried.

Motion: Mr. Roark made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Maranville made a motion to deny the license due to the statute and regulations. This decision is based on State law and the Board does not have the authority to waive State law. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

Next meeting: January 20, 2011, Kingstree Building, Room 105.


Administrator

1/25/2011
Date