

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
Audiology
Special Call Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 20, 2004, 2:00 P.M.
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 202
Columbia, SC 29211**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gwendolyn Wilson, Ed.D., CCC-A, Chairperson
Elizabeth T. Dove, CCC-SLP

OTHERS PRESENT

Veronica Reynolds, Administrator
Sharon Dantzler, General Counsel
Martha McDade, CCC-SLP, IRC Consultant
Mary L. Stepling, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, IRC Consultant
Ruby McClain, Asst. Deputy Director POL
Myers Ephraim, POL Investigator
Andrea D. Patrick, Board Assistant

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

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, held in Room 202-06, Kingtree Bldg., 110 Centerview Dr., Columbia, South Carolina, to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The December 20, 2004 Special Call Meeting Agenda was presented for review and approval.

Motion: Ms. Dove moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved. The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for April 27, 2004 were presented for review and approval.

Motion: Ms. Dove moved to approve the April 27, 2004 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

4. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Reynolds stated the renewal notices are scheduled to be for mailed in mid January 2005. Ms. Reynolds congratulated Dr. Wilson for her newly elected position as a Board Member on the National Council of State Boards for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in October 2004 at its annual education conference held in New Mexico.

5. **CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Ms. Dove made a motion to go into Executive Session to obtain legal advice regarding disciplinary matters in compliance with Section 30-4-70. The motion was seconded and approved.

6. **DISCIPLINARY CASES**

The Board resumed public session and voted as follows:

Complaint 2004 -01: **Motion:** In open session, Ms. Dove made a motion to accept the Consent Order. The motion was seconded and approved.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Application Hearings

a. Margaret Fitts: Ms. Fitts and Ramona Mack made a personal appearance before the Board.

Motion: Ms. Dove made a motion to issue Ms. Fitts a Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant license with conditions that her supervisor submits quarterly performance reviews to the Board within ten (10) days of completion. Ms. Fitts must submit evidence of eight (8) hours of continuing education directly related to her field of practice with children from birth to three years old on or before December 31, 2005. The motion was seconded and approved.

2. Medicaid Requirements for School Based Speech-Pathologists & Audiologists

Elizabeth Carpentier a representative from the Department of Education made a personal appearance before the Board. Ms. Carpentier stated after a meeting held on November 22, 2004 concerning changes to the Medicaid policies regarding speech-language pathology services the Department of Education has recommended to its employees that are Speech Therapist and hold their ASHA CCC's to submit application to the Board for licensure.

3. Hearing Aid Dealers Pre-filed Bills

The Hearing Aid Dealers have pre-filed legislation this session. The Department of Health and Environmental Control has introduced legislation making changes to their regulations that governs the practice of Hearing Aid Fitters.

8. **Continued Business**

1. **Update on Status of Board Appointments**

Ms. Reynolds introduced Elizabeth Dove, the newly appointed Board members to the Board. She stated there were vacancies on the Board still pending appointments through advice and consent of the Senate.

9. **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. on December 20,2004.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2005, Kingstree Building, Room 107

Administrator

Date