

South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Board Meeting
Thursday, July 15, 2010, 10:00 A.M.
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108
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

Others Present

Veronica Reynolds, Administrator
James Saxon, LLR, OGC
Daniel Grigg, LLR, OGC
Georgia Lewis, LLR, OGC
Janice Meetze, Board Assistant
Lucinda Brown, Board Assistant

Excused Absence

Sarah H. Powell, M.Ed., CCC-SLP

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board of Examiners in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology office, lobby of the Kingstree 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 not present until 11:35 a.m.

Call to Order

Dr. Wilson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m., Room 108, Kingstree Bldg, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

No business was conducted until Mr. Roark arrived at 11:35 a.m. and a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

The order of the July 15, 2010 Agenda was amended to hear the Consent Agreement as the first item of new business.

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

New Business

Consent Agreement

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 Consent Agreement entered into between the South Carolina Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the Respondent voluntarily.

Motion: Ms. Maranville 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: Ms. Maranville made a motion to not accept the Consent Agreement. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April 15, 2010 were presented for review and approval.

Motion: Ms. Maranville made a motion to approve the minutes from April 15, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Administrators Report

Ms. Reynolds stated the transition to the Office of Licensure and Compliance continues and statistics are not available at this time.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement

Mr. David Love reported the following statistics for the Speech Board from 1/1/09 through 12/21/09: two cases closed; one "do not open" case; one pending board hearing; one pending IRC; and one case pending IRC recommendation. For the period January 1, 2010 through July 1, 2010 two cases have been closed and one has been listed as "do not open." The Board report reflects the case that was discussed on July 13, 2010 by the IRC with the recommendation of a Formal Complaint.

Motion: Ms. Maranville made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation to issue a formal complaint. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Lewis reported the following statistics as of July 12, 2010: one open case; one pending action; one pending Consent Agreement/Memorandum of Agreement; one closed case; and three cases have been closed on or after January 1, 2009.

Unfinished Business

Approval of On the Job Training Plan Form

Ms. Maranville presented a Projected On-the-Job Training (OJT) Plan, i.e., agreement between the supervisor and the assistant, for verbiage revisions and submission to legal for final approval and language conformity with the law. Any revisions will be incorporated and the form will be remanded back to the Board Administrator to post on the Board's webpage.

Topics of Discussion

Practice of Telemedicine

The Board received a letter from Dr. Corley concerning the practice of telemedicine as it pertains to programming hearing aids across state lines. The practice of Speech Language or Audiology will be considered to occur in the licensing jurisdiction where the patient is physically located at the time that the services are rendered, i.e., if the patient is being treated in South Carolina, licensure must be held in South Carolina, or an appropriate referral should be made. Legal ramifications cannot be adjudicated across state lines and thereby dictating that wherever the services are rendered must be in compliance within the jurisdiction.

Monitoring of Supervision of SLPAs

Ms. Reynolds stated the statues and regulation gives the Board the right to conduct an audit of the Speech Assistants supervisory records. The Board has authority to request an audit and the supervisors must present the documentation. The process of conducting quarterly audits and the creation of guidelines/policy on the limitation of being able to supervise unless licensed for a specific amount of time will be discussed in the future.

Preparation for SCSHA 2011 Presentation

The 2011 SCSHA Convention Call for Papers deadline to the Program Committee is August 31, 2010 and requires submission of an abstract with learning outcomes.

Demographics of Licensees

Although exact statistics are pending, Ms. Reynolds reported there are approximately 191 audiologists and approximately 1816 speech language pathologists, respectively.

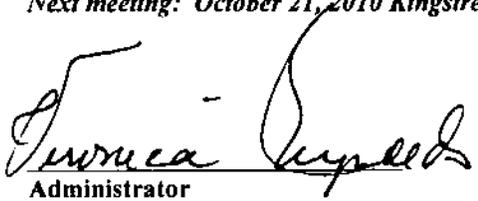
NCSB Annual Conference – October 14-16, 2010, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Ms. Maranville indicated an interest and will notify the Administrator if she plans to attend the NCSB Annual Conference, which requires pre-approval.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Mr. Roark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

Next meeting: October 21, 2010 Kingstree Building, Room 108.

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Administrator

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Date