

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
Audiology Board Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:00 A.M.
Via Teleconference**

Board Members Present

Gwendolyn Wilson, Ed.D. CCC-A, Chairperson
Beth F. Montgomery, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair
Jason Wigand, Au.D. , CCC-A
Sarah Davis Emory, CCC-SLP
Elizabeth Bunge, Public Member

Absent Member

Elizabeth Bunge

Staff Present

Stacey L. Hewson, Advice Counsel
Mack Williams, Administrator

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at 110 Centerview Drive Columbia, SC 29210 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 present at all times.

Call to Order

Dr. Wilson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., in accordance with the Governors order the regarding social distancing the meeting was held by video/teleconference.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented for review and approval.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the minutes

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to approve the January 16, and May 14, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

The board approve the absence of Ms. Bunge.

Office of Investigations Report: Mr. Hinson, Office of Investigations presented the OIE statistical report and training report to the board. The Board accepted the reports as information.

Mr. Hinson presented the IRC report to the board. Cases 2019-51, 2019-52 and 2019-56 are recommended for dismissal. Cases 2020-1 and 2020-4 are recommended for formal complaint.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for the three (3) dismissals 2019-51, 2019-52 and 2019-56. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for the two (2) formal complaints for case 2020-1 and 2020-4. The motion was seconded and approved.

Administrative Reports

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Mr. Coggiola Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the ODC statistical report to the board. The board accepted the report as information.

Finance Report: Mr. Williams presented the finance report to the board. The board accepted the report as information.

Disciplinary Hearing

Memorandum of Agreement

Case 2019-53: The Respondent made a personal appearance before the board by video conferencing and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the memorandum of agreement for case 2019-53 to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding case 2019-53. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] No votes were taken during executive session. 10:42 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to accept the memorandum of agreement and issue a letter of caution in case number 2019-53. The motion was seconded and approved.

Initial Applications

Todd Landsberg: Mr. Landsberg made a personal appearance before the board by video conferencing and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license to practice as an Audiologist should be granted.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] No votes were taken during executive session. 11:12 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to grant the license to practice as an Audiologist. The motion was seconded and approved.

Jada Williams: Ms. Williams made a personal appearance before the board by video conferencing and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license to practice as a Speech Language Pathology Assistant should be granted.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] No votes were taken during executive session. 11:43 a.m. to 11:53 a.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to deny the application for the Speech Pathology Assistant license and the request to complete the additional hours outside of the degree program. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dr. AnnMarie Knight, Columbia College

Dr. Knight addressed the board regarding obtaining clinical hours through the use of telesupervision for speech pathology assistants,

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal counsel regarding this matter. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] No votes were taken during executive session. 12:14 p.m. to 12:39 p.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to deny the request submitted by Dr. Knight for additional accommodations. The motion was seconded and approved.

Request to Accept Verification Letter in lieu of transcripts

The board reviewed the requests submitted. The requests were not related to COVID-19 therefore no special accommodations were needed.

2020 NCSB Conference Update

The Board discussed the 2020 NCSB annual meeting. NCSB canceled the annual conference due to COVID-19.

Legislative Update

Ms. Hewson updated the board regarding current legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory motioned to adjourn. The motion seconded and approved.

(The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.)

Mack W. Miller
Administrator

10-19-20
Date