

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and  
Audiology Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 14, 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

**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 via teleconference.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented for review and approval.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Approval/Disapproval of absent members**

All members present

**Administrative Reports**

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report:** Mr. Coggiola Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the ODC report; there are four (4) cases recommended for dismissal 2019-38, 2019-15, 2019-31 and 2019-18, and eight (8) cases recommended for letter or caution, 2019-3, 2019-12, 2019-16, 2019-20, 2019-22, 2019-28, 2019-29 and 2019-39.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to accept the ODC recommendations for the four (4) dismissals and eight (8) letter of cautions. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Telesupervision/Telepractice issues:**

**a. South Carolina patients in an existing relationship with practitioner from border state**

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

**[Executive Session]** No votes were taken during executive session. 10:38 a.m. to 11:36 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 that during the state of emergency, the South Carolina Board will allow speech-language pathologists and/or speech-language practices in border states with the pre-existing client relationship to continue practicing via telehealth without a South Carolina license. The motion was seconded and approved.

**b. Clinical clock hours for SLPA licensure**

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

**[Executive Session]** No votes were taken during executive session. 11:56 a.m. to 12:33 p.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 that during the state of emergency, the South Carolina Board will allow up to ten percent of clinical hours be earned through telehealth/supervision until the state of emergency is lifted by the governor. The motion was seconded and approved.

**c. Telepractice for SLPAs**

In open session, the Board discussed whether speech pathology assistants are allow to practice telepractice. The Board referenced the ASHA document regarding telepractice, under service delivery, it states that, "The SLPA can provide guidance and treatment via telepractice to students, patients and clients who are selected by the supervising SLP as appropriate for this service delivery model."

**d. Direct supervision requirement for supervised professional employment**

In open session, the Board discussed speech pathology interns who may not be able to complete their internship before the license expires due to COVID-19. Interns who will not be able to complete the internship before the license expires would need to renew the intern license.

**e. Review Telepractice Guidelines**

In open session, the Board reviewed and discussed the tele practice guidelines and indicated the telepractice guidelines will remain in place until the state of emergency is lifted

**USC's request to accept confirmation letter in lieu of transcript to obtain intern license**

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

**[Executive Session]** No votes were taken during executive session. 1:12 p.m. to 2:13 p.m.

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

The Board had additional questions.

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

**[Executive Session]** No votes were taken during executive session. 2:17 p.m. to 2:33 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. Montgomery made a motion approve the University of South Carolina's request to accept a letter from the Dean of the graduate school stating that a student has completed all requirements of the postgraduate degree in speech-language pathology which is consistent with the relaxation of regulations by the governor during the state of emergency due to COVID-19 pandemic with the provision that the official transcript from USC is received by January 15, 2021, to the LLR office.

**Clinical Simulation hours accepted in lieu of clinical hours**

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

**[Executive Session]** No votes were taken during executive session. 2:88 p.m. to 3:08 p.m.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Wigand 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 approve the request from Columbia College to approve up to ten percent of the 100 hours during the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic for clinical simulations that are guided and debriefed by state-licensed and ASHA-certified faculty members for students enrolled in Columbia College.

### **Online Speech Pathology Assistant Programs**

In open session, the Board discussed online speech pathology assistant programs. Applicants who are applying for the speech assistant license must meet the licensing requirements outlined in section 115-2.

### **Delegation of authority to Board Chair to approve consent agreements**

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to delegate the authority to the Board Chair to approve consent agreements as needed during the state of emergency. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Review updated SLPA Supervision Form/OJT Plan**

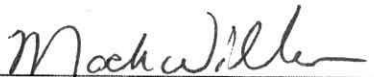
In open session, the Board reviewed and discussed the updated OJT Plan and supervisor agreement for the speech pathology assistant license.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve the new forms for the speech-language pathology assistant on-the-job training form with the addition of the ethics statement and the statement regarding when the work can begin. The motion was seconded and approved.

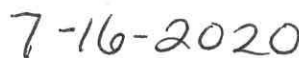
### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

(The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.)



Administrator



Date