

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
Audiology Board Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2021 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 10:02 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. Bunge 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 October 15, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

All Members are present.

Administrative Reports

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. Case 2020-10 is recommended for letter of caution.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of a letter of caution for case 2020-10. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Ms. Hayes 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.

Ethics Commission: Mr. Williams, reminded the Board to file with Ethics Commission before the March 30, 2021 deadline.

Disciplinary Hearing

Consent Agreements

Case 2019-30 The Respondent did not make an appearance before the board and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Hayes, Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the consent agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to accept the consent agreement for case 2019-30. The motion was seconded and approved.

Case 2019-6 The Respondent did not make an appearance before the board and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Hayes, Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the consent agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Wigand made a motion to accept the consent agreement for case 2019-6. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearing

Rebecca Zawadzki: Ms. Zawadzki 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 pathology intern should be granted.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory 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.

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. Bunge made a motion to grant the license to practice as a speech pathology intern and the applicant must take and pass the praxis exam. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Items

2021 Renewals: Mr. Williams updated the board on the 2021 renewals.

Update on USC Confirmation letter: Mr. Williams updated the board on the USC confirmation letter. There was one student that took advantage of the process and the deadline has passed to receive any other request.

Regulatory Review: The Board discussed updating the regulations. The board identified regulations 115-1, 115-2, 115-3 and 115-4 to be revised.

Motion: In open session: Ms. Emory made a motion to revise regulations 115-1, 115-2, 115-3 and 115-4. The motion was seconded and approved.

Legislative Updates: Ms. Hewson and Mr. Williams updated the board on current legislation.

2021 Board Election of Officers: The Board discussed the election of Board Officers.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory nominated Dr. Wilson as the Chairperson and Ms. Montgomery as Vice Chairperson. 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 11:55a.m)

Mark Williams

Administrator

4-15-21

Date