

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
Audiology Board Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:00 A.M.
Via Video/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 by video/teleconference.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented for review and approval.

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

Approval of the minutes

Motion: In open session, Ms. Bunge made a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 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. There are no cases to report at this time.

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.

Ms. Hayes presented the audit report to the Board. There were twelve (12) cases recommended for dismissal.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to accept the ODC recommendation for the twelve (12) cases. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Application Hearing

Jonathan Witt: Mr. Witt 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 assistant should be granted.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Bunge 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] From 10:27 am – 10:34 am. 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 assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Items

COVID 19 Emergency Guidelines: The Board discussed the COVID 19 Guidelines and decided to keep the guidelines in place until the state of emergency is lifted.

Motion: In open session: Dr. Wigand made a motion to add Audiology practices to the COVID 19 Guideline. The motion was seconded and approved.

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.

Motion: In open session: Dr. Wigand made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding non licensed personal under the supervision of an Audiologist. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] From 11:01 am – 11:34 am. No votes were taken during executive session

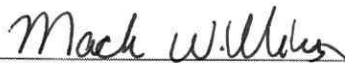
Motion: In open session: Ms. Emory made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Legislative Updates: The Board discussed proposed the Legislation

ADJOURNMENT

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

(The meeting adjourned at 11:50a.m)



Administrator



Date