

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

**Board Members Absent**

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 10:05 a.m. 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 or Disapproval of Absent Members**

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

### **Approval of the minutes**

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to approve the April 15, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Administrative Reports**

**Office of Investigations Report:** Ms. Bailey- McNair, Office of Investigations presented the OIE statistical report and training report to the board. The Board accepted the reports as information.

Ms. Bailey- McNair presented the IRC report to the Board. Case 2021-3 is recommended for a Formal Complaint.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for case 2021-3 as a formal complaint. 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.

**2015-2017 CE Audit Report:** Ms. Hayes updated the Board on the CE Audit. Ms. Hayes presented case 2019-10, 2019-7, 2019-32, 2019-48, 2019-50 as Letter of Caution and case 2019-42 as a dismissal.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to accept the ODC recommendations for case 2019-10, 2019-7, 2019-32, 2019-48, 2019-50 and 2019-42. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

### **Disciplinary Hearing**

#### **Formal Complaint**

**Case 2019-1:** The Respondent made an appearance before the board by WebEx video conferencing and was represented by Alex Imgrund, Esq. Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the stipulations of facts to the Board.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on case 2019-1. The motion was seconded and approved.

**[Executive Session]** No votes were taken during executive session

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Wigand 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 issue a public reprimand, the respondent must take a two hour Board approved ethics course related to privacy to be completed within ninety days and pay a one thousand dollar civil penalty payable within ninety days. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Application Hearings**

**Allison Walker:** Ms. Walker made a personal appearance before the board by WebEx 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. Emory made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the application. The motion was seconded and approved.

**[Executive Session]** No votes were taken in executive session

**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 Ms. Walker as a speech language pathology assistant for not meeting the requirements under SC Regulation 115-2. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

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

**[Executive Session]** No votes were taken in executive session

**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 grant Ms. Kambanis, a license to practice speech language pathology pursuant to 40-67-250 that allows South Carolina to license a person holding a license in another state. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **Discussion Items**

**Scope of Practice- Autism:** The Board discussed the scope of practice for autism and determined that the scope of practice for speech language pathology and audiology in the state of South Carolina is defined under §40-67-20.

**COVID 19- Lifting State of Emergency:** The Board rescinded the accommodations allowed during the State of Emergency.

**Appoint Expert Reviewer:** The Board discussed options for an expert review.

**Motion:** In open session: Ms. Montgomery made a motion to accept the following names as possible speech language pathology expert reviewers: Michelle Dawson, SLP, Dr. Harriet Gregg, SLP, Lois Morris, SLP and Lauren Quellette, SLP. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Appoint IRC Member:** The Board discussed options for IRC Members.

**Motion:** In open session: Ms. Montgomery made a motion to accept the following names as possible IRC members: Carol Page, SLP, Christa Pomerlyon, SLP, Elizabeth Leadbitter, Aud and Kara Leyzac, Aud. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Proposed Revisions to Regulations:** Ms. Hewson updated the Board on some changes made to the proposed regulations.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to accept the changes in 115-1(e) The motion was seconded and approved.

In open session, the Board decided to meet on July 27, 2021 at 1:30pm by WebEx video conferencing to review the proposed regulations.

**Legislative Updates:** Ms. Hewson updated the Board on current legislation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand motioned to adjourn. The motion seconded and approved.

(The meeting adjourned at 4:14pm)

Mack Williams

10-21-21

Administrator

Date