

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
Audiology Board Meeting
Thursday, October 21, 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
Elizabeth Bunge, Public Member
Sarah Davis Emory, CCC-SLP

Board Members Absent

Jason Wigand, AuD, CCC

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 10:10 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, Ms. Emory made a motion to approve the absence of Dr. Wigand. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the minutes

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

Administrative Reports

Office of Investigations Report: Ms. Amanda Branham, Office of Investigations Chief presented the OIE statistical report and training report to the board. The Board accepted the reports as information.

Ms. Branham presented the IRC report to the Board. Case 2021-1 is recommended for a Letter of Caution and Case 2020-7 is recommended for Dismissal.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Bunge made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for case 2021-1 as a Letter of Caution and Case 2020-7 for Dismissal. 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.

Application Hearings

Briana Savastano: Ms. Savastano 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. Bunge 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. Bunge made a motion to deny the application for Ms. Savastano as a speech language pathology assistant for not meeting the requirements under SC Regulation 115-2. The motion was seconded and approved.

Elizabeth Toledo: Ms. Toledo made a personal appearance before the board by WebEx video conferencing and was represented by legal counsel Walker Barnes. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license to practice Speech Language Pathology 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 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 reactivate the speech language pathology license effective October 21, 2021 and issue a non-disciplinary letter of caution regarding unlicensed practice. The motion was seconded and approved.

Kelli Uitenham: Ms. Uitenham 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. 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. Bunge 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 grant the speech language pathology license effective October 21, 2021. The motion was seconded and approved.

Morgan White: Ms. White 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 Speech Language Pathology Intern Extension 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. 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 to grant the speech language pathology intern extension for nine months. The motion was seconded and approved.

Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Licensure Compact Presentation: Dan Logsdon with the Council of State Governments gave a presentation on the ASLP Licensure Compact.

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

Public Comment: Dr. Ann Marie Knight- presented public Comment on the proposed SC Regulations Chp 115

Public Comment: Kelly Caldwell -SC Speech Language Hearing Association presented public Comment on the proposed SC Regulations Chp 115

Discussion Items

Meeting Dates: Meeting dates were discussed.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to accept the 2022 Meeting Dates. 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 12:53pm)

Mack Williams

1-20-22

Administrator

Date