

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and  
Audiology Board Meeting Thursday, April 21, 2022 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**

Megan Flannery, 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 10:18 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**

All Members Present

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to approve the January 20, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **Administrative Reports**

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

Ms. Branham presented the IRC report to the Board. Case 2021-2 is recommended for a formal complaint.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of a formal complaint for case 2021-2. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report:** Mr. Williams presented the ODC report. No cases to report at this time. 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.

## **Request for clarification re Virtual Initial Evaluation**

**Terrence McGovern: Special Education Director with Kershaw School District:** Mr. McGovern appeared by webex video conference and presented testimony to the Board.

**Lynn Dowis, Director of Speech Services with McCormick County School District:** Ms. Dowis appeared by webex video conference and presented testimony to the Board.

**Kelly Caldwell, Vice President of Government Affairs for SCSHA:** Ms. Caldwell appeared by webex video conference and presented testimony to the Board.

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

**Executive Session:** No votes were taken during executive session [11:09am – 11:42am]

**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, Dr. Wigand made a motion to form a committee to review the issue of completing the initial evaluation virtually.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Bunge made a motion to establish a committee of the following members Ms. Emory, Ms. Montgomery and Dr. Wigand to review the issue of completing the initial evaluation virtually. The motion was seconded and approved.

In open session: The Board reordered the agenda to move item ten “Request Modification of Prior Board Order” next on the agenda.

### **Request Modification of Prior Board Order**

**Latonya Parker:** Ms. Parker made an appearance before the board by WebEx video conferencing and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether the Respondent's request that the Board consider modification of a prior Order be approved.

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

**Executive Session:** No votes were taken in executive session [11:58am – 12:09pm]

**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, Dr. Wigand made a motion to deny the request for reinstatement or Reapplication. All revocations are permanent as stated in the Practice Act and Regulations of the Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Physician Oversight of FEES (Fiberoptic Endoscopic Examination of Swallow)**

**Taylor Dry:** Ms. Dry appeared by webex video conference and presented testimony to the Board regarding FEES.

**Kelly Caldwell, Vice President of Government Affairs for SCSHA:** Ms. Caldwell appeared by webex video conference and presented testimony to the Board regarding FEES.

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

**Executive Session:** No votes were taken during executive session [12:24pm – 12:41pm]

**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 that FEES is within the Scope of Practice of Speech Language Pathology, but whether you need Physician oversight is based on your place of employments policies. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Advise Counsel Report**

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

**Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session [12:43pm – 1:02pm]**

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

### **Application Hearings**

**Anna Allen:** Ms. Allen made an appearance before the board by WebEx video conferencing and was represented by Joseph Owen Smith Esq. 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 [1:58pm – 2:08pm]**

**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. Bunge made a motion to deny the application. Ms. Allen does not meet the regulatory requirements of the one hundred clinical hours as part of the undergraduate degree. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Josibeth Bonar:** Ms. Bonar made an 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 assistant 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 [2:25pm-2:38pm]**

**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 deny the license. Ms. Bonar's application packet does not meet the one hundred clock hours of direct client contact as required by the Board's regulation. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Sakethia Liggins:** Ms. Liggins made an appearance before the board by WebEx video conferencing and was represented by Chuck Ormond, Esq. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license to practice as a speech language 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 [2:58pm - 3:44pm]

**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. Emory made a motion to approve the SLPA license on the condition that the applicant submit a notarized letter from Ms. Mitchell outlining the 100 clinical clock hours were obtained as part of her undergraduate program before the application expires on July 29, 2022. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Robert Milo:** Mr. Milo made an 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 an Audiologist should be granted.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Wigand 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 [3:57pm – 4:03pm]

**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, Dr. Wigand made a motion to approve the Audiology license. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Elizabeth Macias:** Ms. Macias made an appearance before the board by WebEx video conference and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license to practice as a speech language pathology assistant 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 [4:23pm – 4:27pm]

**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 deny the SLPA license. Ms. Macias does not have the one hundred clinical clock hours with the undergraduate program and she did not complete the on-the-job training form and supervisory agreement. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Discussion Items**

**Legislative Update:** Ms. Beeson provided the Board with the legislative update.

**Request for Clarification re SLPA Internship:** The board discussed whether a speech pathology assistant could work while completing a speech language pathology practicum in graduate school and use the hours from working as a speech assistant towards the clinical practicum in the graduate program. The student would need to coordinate with the clinical supervisor.

**Speech Assistant Supervision:** The board discussed whether a speech pathologist who does not meet the supervision requirements could evaluate and develop the IEP plan of care for a student and allow the approved speech pathologist supervisor to supervise the speech pathologist in the implantation of the plan.

The Board indicated that approved supervisors and speech pathology assistants should ensure they are following the supervision guidelines in regulation chapter 115. Supervision is provided on the 7<sup>th</sup> session to ensure the speech pathology assistant is providing adequate services. The supervising speech pathologist does not need to do therapy at this time, but observe the speech pathology assistant to ensure services are properly being provided.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Wigand motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded and Approved. (The meeting adjourned at 5:19pm)

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