

South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board

Meeting Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:00 A.M.

110 Centerview Drive, Pee Dee Room, Columbia, SC 29210

Board Members Present

Gwendolyn Wilson, Ed.D. CCC-A, Chairperson

Beth F. Montgomery, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair

Jason Wigand, Au.D., CCC-A

Absent Member

Sarah Davis Emory, CCC-SLP

Elizabeth Bunge, Public Member

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator

Tara Nixon, Advice Counsel

Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator

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.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented for review and approval.

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

Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to approve Ms. Emory's and Bunge's absence. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Montgomery.

Meeting Minutes

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve the January 18, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

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Administrative Reports

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

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Ms. McMenamain presented the ODC report. 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.

Clarification of SLP Clinical Fellow/Intern Scope of Practice: Ms. Kelly Caldwell discussed the clarifications of the SLP Clinical Fellow and Intern scope of practice with the Board.

Disciplinary Hearings:

Memorandum of Agreement:

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to go into closed session to protect personal information. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Montgomery.

2022-5: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by counsel. Ms. McMenamain presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the Board.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

(10:40 am – 10:48 pm) – No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

Motion: In closed session, Dr. Wigand made a motion for permanent revocation of licensure. The motion was seconded and approved. Ms. Montgomery.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

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Application Hearing:

Bethany Gonyea: Ms. Gonyea made a personal appearance before the Board, and was not represented by counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Ms. Gonyea should be granted a license as an audiologist.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Montgomery.

(11:12 am – 11:58 am) – No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Montgomery.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion for Ms. Gonyea to submit a detailed plan to obtain sixty-four (64) hours of continuing education in Ethics and Professional Issues, Assessment, Identification, and Treatment within 30 days. Once the plan has been approved by the Board, Ms. Gonyea must complete the sixty-four (64) hours within ninety (90) days. Once the proof of completion has been submitted to the Board, the license will be granted. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion for the Board to pursue developing FAQ's to be added to the website defining the scope of practice of an intern licensee. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

CE Request for Approval/Disapproval:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve the full amount of hours for the 2024 National Converge Autism Summit as continuing education credit. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

Discussion Items:

Speech Assistants- Quarterly Performance Review: Mr. Williams updated the Board on the Quarterly Performance review form.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

(12:15 am – 12:40 pm) – No votes were taken during executive session.

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Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Montgomery.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to conduct an audit for speech assistants and their quarterly review forms, 10% of supervising SLP's of any assistant supervised from 01/01/23 – 12/31/23 to be reviewed at the July 25, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve the Speech Assistant Quarterly Review form with recommended changes. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

Report of Completed Internship:

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to approve the changes to the Report of Completed Internship form. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Montgomery.

Request for SC Board of Examiners in Speech/Aud. To Sponsor the NCSB Annual Conference: The Board discussed sponsoring the NCSB Annual Conference.

2024 NCSB Annual Conference-Appoint Members to Attend: The Board discussed the 2024 NCSB Annual Conference and sending members to attend. Any members interested in attending can contact the Administrator. Ms. Montgomery nominated Dr. Wigand to fill an open position on the on the NCSB Board of Directors.

2024 ASHA Convention-Vote on Approval to Attend: The Board discussed selecting members to attend the 2024 ASHA Convention.

ASLP Interstate Compact (Update): Dr. Wigand discussed the ASLP Interstate Compact update with the Board. There are thirty-one (31) states that have approved legislation. The ASLP Compact is in the process of developing the Board and a platform to communicate between states.

Legislative Update: Ms. Nixon discussed the legislative update with the Board. The regulations are pending approval at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wigand motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Montgomery. (The meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm)