

South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Board Meeting Thursday, April 17, 2025 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
Sarah Davis Emory, CCC-SLP

Board Members Not Present

Elizabeth Bunge, Public Member

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Executive
Tara Nixon, Advice Counsel
Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator
LeAnna McMenemy, Esq, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Amelia Leeks, Office of Investigation & Enforcement

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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

The Chair deferred the motion.

Meeting Minutes

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to approve the January 16, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

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Administrative Reports

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

Ms. Leeks presented the IRC report to the Board. Case 2024-10 and 2025-2 recommended for dismissal, Case 2024-9 recommended for Formal Complaint, and Case 2023-14 recommended for Letter of Caution.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Wilson made a motion to close the session to review the IRC report with the representatives from IRC. The motion was seconded by Ms. Emory.

Ms. Leeks presented the IRC report to the Board. Ms. Howe presented Case #'s 2024-10 and 2025-2 to the Board with a recommendation for dismissal, one Formal Complaint, Case # 2024-9, and one Letter of Caution, Case # 2023-14.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on Case 2023-14. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Emory.

(10:30 am – 11:06 am) – No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case #'s 2024-09 and 2024-10 and reject the recommendation for Case # 2025-2 and return to IRC for further investigation. Reject recommendation for Case 2023-14 and submit Case 2023-14 for a Formal Complaint. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Wigand.

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

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Ms. McMenamin presented the ODC report. The Board accepted the report as information.

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

CE Requests for Approval/Disapproval:

Mr. Williams presented the CE courses to the Board for approval or disapproval. The Board set the date, May 15, 2025, as the deadline for the CE course approval.

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SCER-Required Hearing Screening Clinical Experience Hours:

The Board discussed the SCER hearing screening requirement.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion for the Board Executive to delegate the review of the SCER clinical hearing screening hours to Dr. Wilson. The motion was seconded by Ms. Emory.

2025 NCSB Annual Conference-Approve Members to Attend:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve all Board members, Mr. Williams, Ms. Nixon, and Ms. McMenamin attend the 2025 NCSB Annual Conference held in Mt. Pleasant, SC. The motion was seconded by Ms. Emory.

ASLP Compact Update:

Dr. Wigand updated the Board on the ASLP Compact. Dr. Wigand stated the Compact is actively seeking funding and collaborating with other Compacts to establish a database. The Compact is also looking for nominations to fill their open positions on the Board. The Compact is searching to fill their Board and looking for nominations. Dr. Wilson stated that there are states expected to be onboarded beginning Spring 2025 with the issuance of privileges to practice starting August 2025.

Legislative Update: Mr. Williams discussed HB.3974. The bill allows licensed health care professionals to conduct and provide services to the public school students during the school hours contingent upon parental or guardian requests. Ms. Caldwell, SCSHA, addressed the Board and expanded on HB.3974.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Emory. (The meeting adjourned at 11:51 am)