

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Board Meeting Thursday, January 15, 2026 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
Michael Leonard, General Public Member

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Executive
Brandy Duncan, Advice Counsel
Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator
LeAnna McMEnamin, Esq, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Yarikza Alexander, Office of Investigation & Enforcement

Other Attendees

Kelli Caldwell, SCSHA

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 10:02 a.m.

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 by Ms. Montgomery and passed.

Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members

All Board members were present.

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Meeting Minutes

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

Administrative Reports

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

Ms. Alexander presented the IRC report to the Board. Case #'s 2025-11, 2025-12, and 2025-13 were recommended for Formal Complaints.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to accept IRC recommendations for Case #'s 2025-11, 2025-12, and 2025-13. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wigand and passed.

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

Ethics Commission: Mr. Williams, Board Executive, reminded the Board to file with the State Ethics Commission prior to the March 30, 2026 at noon deadline.

Application Hearings:

Lauren Schlagenhauf-Au.D.: Ms. Schlagenhauf made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine whether Ms. Schlagenhauf should be granted a license as an audiologist. The issues were that Ms. Schlagenhauf did not have a passing score on the Praxis exam in accordance with S.C. Code 40-67-220 (B)(1)(b).

Motion: Ms. Montgomery made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. The motion was seconded by Ms. Emory and passed.

No votes were taken during executive session.

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Motion: Ms. Montgomery made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Emory and passed.

Motion: Dr. Wigand made a motion to deny the audiology license due to Ms. Schlagenhauf not obtaining a passing score on the Praxis exam. The motion was seconded by Ms. Montgomery and passed.

Kelly Caldwell, SCSHA Presentation:

Ms. Caldwell presented the SCSHA Practice Act Project with the Board. The goals of the project outline a comprehensive modernization of the statutes governing Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. The primary focus is clarifying professional tiers, aligning with national standards and streamlining the licensing process. The statute updates would introduce new classifications and clarify professional titles to ensure transparency for both the employer and public.

Resolution Guidelines

Ms. Duncan presented the updated proposed resolution guidelines for addressing unlicensed practice with the Board. Also, Ms. Duncan presented the proposed drafts of the consent agreements for unlicensed practice. The Board discussed the sanction guidelines for unlicensed practice and recommended further edits to the guidelines document. Document to be presented again, with such edits, at the next Board meeting.

2026 NCSB (BOD)-Request Travel Approval:

Motion: Ms. Emory made a motion to approve the travel for national members, Ms. Montgomery and Dr. Wigand for the 2026 NCSB Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leonard and passed.

2026 Election of Board Officers:

Motion: Ms. Emory made a motion to elect Dr. Wilson as Chair and Ms. Montgomery as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leonard and passed.

ASLP Compact Update:

Dr. Wigand stated there has been no current updates since the last Board meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Montgomery motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leonard and passed. (The meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm)