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

Thursday, January 15, 2015, 10:00 A.M. Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

## **Board Members Present**

Gwendolyn Wilson, Ed.D. CCC-A, Chairperson Tanya T. Wilson, Ed.D. CCC-SLP, Vice Chairperson Kelly A. Long, Au.D., FAAA, CCC-A

### Others Present

Alexander Imgrund, Advice Counsel Veronica Reynolds, Administrator Mack Williams, Administrative Assistant

#### **Excused Absence:**

Walter L. Roark, III, Public Member

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 present at all times.

### Call to Order

Dr. Wilson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., Room 108, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

# Approval of Agenda

The January 15, 2015 agenda was presented for review and approval.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

## Approval of Minutes

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Long made a motion to approve the October 16, 2014 minutes without correction. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **New Business**

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Williams presented the statistical report to the Board, eight (8) cases received two (2) cases pending and six (6) cases closed in fourth quarter ending December 31, 2014.

The Board accepted the statistical report as information.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Mr. Billimoria presented the ODC Report, there is currently four (4) open cases, two (2) pending action, one (1) pending a Board hearing and one (1) pending a final order.

The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

<u>Financial Report:</u> Mr. Williams reviewed the finance report and reminded the Board to file with the ethics commission prior to the deadline of March 30, 2015 at 12:00 noon. He stated the Board will mail renewal notices the next week along with an e-blast.

### Memorandum of Agreement

Case# 2014-4: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session. 10:22a.m.-10:36a.m.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to accept the memorandum of agreement with a letter of caution. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **Application Hearings**

**Holly Harrington:** Ms. Harrington made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be granted to practice as a Speech Language Pathology Intern.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session. 10:43a.m.-11:07a.m.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

In open session, the Board had additional questions for the respondent.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session. 11:12a.m.-11:39a.m.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Long made a motion to hold the application in abeyance until such time that the respondent can provide all documentation of clinical hours completed since 2010. The respondent must provide all official documentation of all continuing education hours related to Speech-Language Pathology, which must be submitted to the Board by March 31, 2015 for review prior to the April 16, 2015 Board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Hollie Bowling:** Ms. Bowling made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be granted to practice as a Speech Language Pathologist.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session. 12:09p.m.-12:21p.m.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Motion:</u> In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to grant a license to practice Speech Language Pathology. The motion was seconded and approved.

## Continuing Education Request for Approval

Lactation Counselor Training Course: Sponsored by Healthy Children Project, Inc. The Center for Breastfeeding

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion not to approve the continuing education course; the request is incomplete and not submitted timely. The motion was seconded and approved.

# Committee Update on proposed legislation for Telepractice:

Dr. T. Wilson gave an update concerning progress on the proposed legislation for telepractice. Mr. Imgrund, Esq indicated that pre-filing can be done now that the legislatures are in session. Mr. Imgrund, Esq gave information on how other Boards were moving forward with telepractice.

#### **Board Elections**

Motion: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to nominate Dr. G. Wilson as Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Long made a motion to nominate Dr. T. Wilson as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to reaffirm Dr. Steppling and Dr. Smith as the IRC members. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Roark. The motion was seconded and approved.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Motion</u>: There being no further business, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:54pm. The motion was seconded and approved.

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Next meeting: April 16, 2015, Kingstree Building, Room 108.