

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Board Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2016 10:00 A.M.
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 105
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
Beth F. Montgomery, CCC-SLP
Walter L. Roark, III, Public Member

Staff Present

Adam Russell, Advice Counsel
Mack Williams, Board Assistant
Shaun Strother, Board Assistant

Absent Member:

None

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 Kingtree 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 10:01 a.m., Room 105, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Approval of Agenda

The January 21, 2016 agenda was presented for review and approval.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion: In open session, Mr. Roark made a motion to approve the October 1, 2015 minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

All Members Present

Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence

Alex Imgrund, Esq.-Mr. Imgrund, Esq. explained the Governor's plan to address domestic violence. The South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech Language Pathology supports the Governor's task force on domestic violence.

Motion: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to table the decision concerning the e-blast on domestic violence until further information is received. Three members voted yes. One member voted nay. The motion was approved.

New Business

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Sanders presented the IRC report to the Board. One (1) case 2014-9 was recommended for a letter of caution.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Long made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for case 2014-9. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Sanders presented the statistical report to the Board, six (6) cases received, and seven (7) cases closed.

The Board accepted the statistical report as information.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Ms. Johnson, Esq. presented the ODC Report, there is one (1) case pending that is being drafted to be presented.

Financial Report: Mr. Williams reviewed the finance report. The Board accepted the finance report as information. Mr. Williams reminded the Board to file their statement of economic interests with the ethics commission by March 30, 2016.

CE Audit-Failed to Meet Requirements

Kimberly Schifano: Ms. Schifano made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if the continuing education requirement have been met.

Motion: 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. 10:47a.m.-11:08a.m.

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

The Board had additional questions for the respondent.

Motion: 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. 11:17a.m.-11:40a.m.

Motion: 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 defer action on Ms. Schifano case until additional exhibits are received and address the Domestic Violence Task Force. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to accept courses for domestic violence as listed. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Russell, Esq. clarified this will only apply to this specific issue of these domestic violence courses. It is not a waiver or any kind of indication on approval of any other type courses.

Hearing Resumes at 11:50a.m.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Long made a motion to return to the hearing concerning Ms. Schifano. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, the motion was to deem the respondent is .8 hrs short for the previous licensure period. The Board will accept .25 hrs submitted which would leave a deficiency of .55. Based on information submitted today as your exhibit number one, the Board will accept .55 of those hours submitted and count them towards the deficiency so that you would have the 1.6hrs for the previous period. Second none of the hours either the .8 used today, either the .25 of the hours submitted before the hearing or the .55 submitted today may be used to count towards the current licensure period. Third you will be audited for the following two renewal periods. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Application

Crystal Butcher: Ms. Butcher did not make an appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be reinstated to practice as a Speech Language Pathologist.

Motion: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson motioned to defer the application until Ms. Butcher makes an appearance before the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Continuing Education Request for Approval or Disapproval

Outpatient Rehab Documentation: What are the essentials When They Keep Changing Rules?
Sponsored by Pee Dee AHEC

Motion: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion approve the continuing education request for Outpatient Rehab Documentation through Pee Dee Ahec. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Items

Review Code of Ethics: The Board reviewed the Code of Ethics.

Update NCSB 28th Annual Conference: Dr. T. Wilson and Ms. Montgomery briefed the Board on the national conference and topics discussed.

Committee Update of Telepractice: Dr. T. Wilson updated the Board on the committee progress in regards to tele-practice.

Board Elections

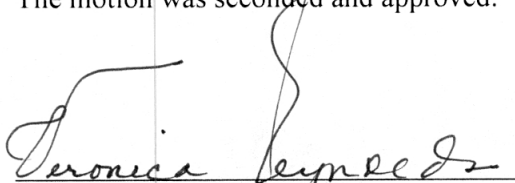
Motion: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to nominate Dr. G. Wilson as Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

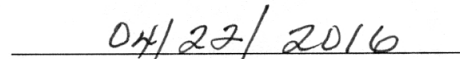
Motion: In open session, the Board reaffirmed Ms. McDade and Dr. Smith as the IRC members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: There being no further business, Mr. Roark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.



Administrator



Date