

South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Board Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:00 A.M.
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree 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
Kelly A. Long, Au.D., FAAA, CCC-A
Beth F. Montgomery, CCC-SLP
Elizabeth Bunge, Public Member

Staff Present

Donnell Jennings, Advice Counsel
Veronica Reynolds, Administrator
Mack Williams, Board Assistant

Absent 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 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 108, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Approval of Agenda

The January 19, 2017 agenda was presented for review and approval.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve the October 20, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

All members present.

New Business

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Haynes presented the statistical report to the Board for the 2016 fourth quarter and training report.

The Board accepted the statistical report and training report as information.

Mr. Haynes presented the IRC report to the Board. One (1) letter of caution.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for case 2016-6 as a letter of caution. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Ms. Johnson, Esq. presented the ODC report; there are two (2) cases pending and one for approval today.

Financial Report: Ms. Reynolds reviewed the finance report. The Board accepted the finance report as information.

Ethics Commission: Ms. Reynolds reminded the Board to file their statement of economic interest with the ethics commission before the deadline.

Memorandum of Agreement

Case# 2016-2: The respondent made an appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Bunge made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on case # 2016-2 from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session. 10:46 a.m.-10:52 a.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Bunge 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, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on case # 2016-2 from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session. 11:06 a.m.-11:37 a.m.

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

Motion: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to accept the MOA, the respondent must pay the investigative cost of four hundred (\$400) dollars; public reprimand, one thousand (\$1000) dollar civil penalty paid within ninety days of the final order. The license is suspended for a period of one year with an immediate stay and probation for a period of one year with the following conditions: successfully complete a Board-approved and or ASHA approved course on billing and two courses on ethics, no criminal arrests during the probationary period; if arrested you must report the arrest to the Board within seven business days. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings

Initial Applications

Madison Underwood: Ms. Underwood made an appearance before the Board and was represented by Robyn Madden, Esq. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license to practice as a Speech Language Pathologist should be granted.

Motion: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session. 12:22 p.m.-12:34 p.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Bunge 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 approve the application based on submission of successful completion of a Board approved or ASHA approved ethics course taken by Ms. Underwood. The motion was seconded and approved.

Adeola Ayodele: Ms. Ayodele 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 to practice as a Speech Language Pathology Assistant should be granted.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session. 1:08 p.m.-1:14 p.m.

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to deny the application for a SLP Assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Suzanne Eisinger: Ms. Eisinger did not appear before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license to practice as a Speech Language Pathologist should be granted.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to review the application once the respondent makes an appearance. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ruth Trump: Ms. Trump did not appear before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license to practice as a Speech Language Pathologist should be granted.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to review the application once the respondent makes an appearance. The motion was seconded and approved.

Peggy Neel: Question regarding Tele-practice: Ms. Neel addressed the Board concerning tele-practice.

Continuing Education Request for Approval or Disapproval

Converge Autism Summit 2017

Motion: In open session, Dr. T. Wilson made a motion to approve the continuing education request. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Items

CE Online Limitations: Ms. Beeson with Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs addressed the Board concerning the limitations of continuing education online.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding online CE requirements. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session. 3:00 p.m.-3:14 p.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, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve the "Teach Me To Talk" course for the total number of hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to have no cap on the CE requirement for online or electronic courses pursuant to Regulation 115-6(d) effective immediately. The motion was seconded and approved.

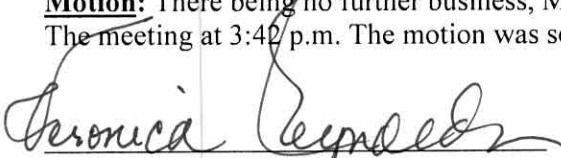
Jurisprudence Exam Questions: The Board discussed the jurisprudence exam.

Status Report on Committees: The committees updated the Board on their progress.

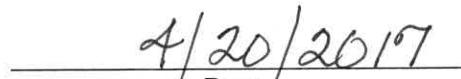
NCSB Conference Update: Dr. T. Wilson updated the Board on the 2016 NCSB Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: There being no further business, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to adjourn the meeting at The meeting at 3:42 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.



Administrator



Date