

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: August 5, 2014

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CT

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Ground Floor, Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynne Harmon, M.A., CCC-SLP, Chair, Speech Pathologist
Terri Flynn, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist
Mary Velvet Buehler, M.A., CCC-SLP/A, Audiologist
Julie A Crosby, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist
Valerie Matlock, Ed.D, Audiologist

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Hannah Lanford, Assistant General Counsel
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Charles Custer, Board Administrator

Ms. Harmon, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Mr. Custer advised the Board that, due to extenuating circumstances, the minutes from the May meeting were not prepared, but would be ready for the next meeting.

OGC Report

There is currently no legislation to report that affects the Board.

The rules regarding tele-communication (Rule 1370-01-.21) and the rules regarding supervision of CFYs (Rule 1370-01-.10) are now effective.

Ms. Lanford advised the Board that the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists held a rulemaking hearing at their recent meeting, and that rule amendment is now at the Attorney General's office for approval.

There are two (2) open cases in OGC and there are no cases that have been appealed to the Chancery Court.

There is one (1) consent order and one (1) order of compliance to be presented.

Ms. Lanford presented the consent order for Martine McGroarty, issued for practicing while unlicensed/unregistered. The consent order has been signed, and civil penalty paid in full. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby, to approve the consent order. The motion carried.

Ms. Lanford presented an order of compliance for Jennifer Hall to lift the probation of Ms. Hall's license. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby, to approve the order of compliance.

Ms. Lanford requested approval from the Board to use Board funds to be sent to the FARB conference, representing the Office of General Counsel. The issue was tabled briefly, so that the Board could review the financial statement later in the agenda. After reviewing the Board's financial statement, and recognizing that the funds were available in the cumulative carryover, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby, to authorize Ms. Lanford to attend the conference, utilizing Board funds. The estimated cost would only be approximately \$2000.00.

Investigative Report

Denise Moran, Director of the Investigations Department introduced two new disciplinary coordinators, Nichelle Dorroh and Rachel Talley.

There are currently no open complaints against speech pathologists or audiologists. There are also no open complaints for Speech Language Pathology Assistants.

Monitored Practitioners

Investigations are currently monitoring four (4) practitioners on probation, and one (1) Board Order.

Ms. Moran advised that the Investigations Department is in the process of auditing the monitored practitioners list, to make sure all information is current and correct.

Administrative Report

Mr. Custer advised that there is not an Administrative report for today, but the information will be compiled and presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Custer advised the Board of an upcoming Board member orientation. Ms. Wilkins advised the Board that this training is for all Board members, not just new members. The training is on Board member responsibilities and contested case hearings.

Financial Report

Mr. Custer advised that there is not a new financial report to present, but the previous report is listed. The Board reviewed the report to approve Ms. Lanford for the FARB conference.

Miscellaneous Business, Part 1

During a brief break for Mr. Custer to retrieve information, Ms. Wilkins advised the Board that the Sunset hearing was held in June, and this Board has been renewed for another four (4) years.

There was also discussion regarding the recent Government Operations meeting that Ms. Burgess attended.

Discussion was also held regarding the Board members whose terms have expired, and replacements for those members.

Newly Licensed

SPEECH

1	Alley	Ciara	5070
2	Baker	Shawnry	5277
3	Bankins	Katrina	5266
4	Barnes	Katherine	5320
5	Barton	Julie	5319
6	Beaty	Lindsey	5016
7	Bond	Loretta	1395
8	Bryant	Dana	5134
9	Bush	Linda	263
10	Cox	Erin	5026
11	Cox	Lindsey	5265
12	Dalferes	Elizabeth	5278
13	Ditmore	Andrea	5255
14	Edwards	Ashley	5121
15	Flam	Gal	5027
16	Ford	Tanuel	5317
17	Gully	Sharia	5182
18	Haas	Abigail	5077
19	Herndon	Angela	5018
20	Hickman	Janey	5316
21	Hinkle	Kerri	5279
22	Hughes	Jennifer	5028
23	Jorge	Erin	4391
24	Kanes	Lindsey	5073
25	Kaylor	Whitney	4045
26	LeBlanc	Julie	5246
27	Lewton	Katherine	5296
28	Lloyd	Hannah	5346
29	Mansfield	Kylie	5021
30	May	Lori	5315
31	McGroarty	Martine	4897
32	Mendenhall	Brooke	5260
33	Miesner	Melissa	4998
34	Millsaps	Deborah	367
35	Moyers	Katie	5033
36	Myers	Brett	5066
37	Nelson	Kalin	5251
38	O'Shields	Kimberly	5289
39	Paige	Cristen	5067
40	Powell	Rachel	4613

41	Remke	Caroline	5015
42	Richardson	Kayla	5005
43	Rogers	Talia	5297
44	Roller	Madeline	5075
45	Spencer	Christi	5244
46	Steves	Michelle	4977
47	Taylor	Amelia	5264
48	Wallis	Jamie	5001
49	Williams	Lindsey	5242
50	Witt	Christina	5287
51	Yelvington	Laura	5298

AUDIOLOGY

1	Bramlette	Shannon	1696
2	Collins	Kent	1701
3	Perez	Micheleigh	1707
4	Smith	Alissa	1709
5	Steer	Michael	1700

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT

1	Damron	Brianne	433
2	Hollis	Olivia	437
3	McCurry	Gina	438
4	Paschall	Barbara	441
5	Williams	Kristyn	442
6	Yates	Kendal	436

Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to approve the list of the all new SLP, AUD, and SLPA licenses and registrations. Motion carried.

Reinstatements

SPEECH:

1	Garrett	Gregory	925
2	Horwitz	Mark	2765
3	Klug	George	4088
4	Lenden-Holt	Jessica	3930
5	Linkowski	Jennifer	1808
6	Lovell	Mary Anne	2082
7	McIntosh	Denyse	1910
8	McRae	Heidi	3608
9	Wark	Marilyn	751

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby, to approve the list of reinstatements. The motion carried.

File Review

The Board reviewed the application file for **Catelin Powell, AUD Applicant**. Dr. Powell had submitted her application for full licensure. However, during the application review process, it was discovered that Dr. Powell had never registered for her 4th year Audiology Externship. Dr. Powell was present, as was her supervising AUD, Shannon Seay. Dr. Powell advised the Board that she had attended a school in southern Mississippi, who advised her that she only needed a contract between an employer and herself to complete her externship. She was under the impression that she only had to follow Mississippi law, and did not know about the Tennessee law with regards to her Audiology Externship. Dr. Powell was unaware of the requirement of registering for the Audiology Externship, because of the lack of knowledge from her school. During the discussion, information was presented that Dr. Powell was awarded her CCC from ASHA. Dr. Seay also spoke to the Board to ask for leniency on behalf of Dr. Powell. After hearing all discussion, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby, to approve the application for Dr. Powell, and issue a go-to-work letter, with the stipulation that she be assessed a civil penalty of \$50.00 per month for working while unregistered for a total of eleven (11) months. Additionally, Dr. Powell would be given thirty (30) days to remit payment and signature on the official Consent Order. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the application file for **Elizabeth Brown, AUD Applicant**. Ms. Brown has applied for license, but does not hold either a Master's Degree in Audiology or a Doctorate of Audiology degree. Due to the fact that she has worked in the school system for several years, she has not needed either of the degrees required by the Board. She was awarded CCC-A from ASHA, and attended college for an audiology certification, but does not hold the specific degree as required by Board rules. After review and discussion, Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to allow Ms. Brown to withdraw the application due to not meeting the requirements. Motion carried.

New Business

Due to some issues presented during the file review for Catelin Powell, the Board requested that Mr. Custer draft a letter to be sent to all active licensees advising of recent rules updates, as well as a reminder to review the rules periodically to make sure they are in compliance with all current rules, whether they are a supervising SLP/AUD, an active licensee, or a practitioner working in their SLP Clinical Fellowship or AUD Clinical Externship.

Additionally, the Board requested a letter to universities providing an Audiology program in the state of Tennessee advising of the requirements for the 4th year Audiology Externship to be registered with the Board; as well as 3rd year Audiology students who may go out of the program for additional experience, to check on rules and requirement of the state they may go to.

Mr. Williams inquired about the applications coming in for the school practitioners obtaining the Health license. The Board held discussion regarding this change in regards to the Professional Privilege Tax, as well as whom the practitioners are actually working for.

The Board held extensive discussion regarding the new applications coming in from the school practitioners. Concern was raised about the school practitioners not being aware of the Board rules and requirements, such as continuing education and license maintenance. The Board requested that Mr. Custer contact the outside contract agencies who are working with the school speech pathologists and audiologists and invite them to the next meeting to be able to provide additional information regarding the push to have school practitioners issued a Board license.

Meeting Date

The Board discussed the next meeting date, scheduled for November 25, and as it falls during the week of Thanksgiving. Mr. Custer advised the Board that he will select a new date and advise the Board at a later time.

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to adjourn at 11:33 a.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on December 9, 2014