

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: May 2, 2017
TIME: 10:00 A.M., CST
LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Ground Floor, Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Velvet Buehler, M.A., CCC-SLP/A, Audiologist
Julie A Crosby-Davis, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist
Carrie Crittendon, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist
Debby Starr, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist
Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist
Richard Morton, Citizen Member

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

Ms. Buehler called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A roll call was held, and a quorum was present.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting. Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Starr, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

OGC Report

Ms. Formont presented the following OGC report:

Conflict of Interest Policy for Board Members

PURPOSE: To assure that the individual interests of board members do not conflict with or have the appearance of conflicts with their responsibilities to the Board to which they are appointed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: A circumstance in which a board member's individual interest impairs or impedes, or gives the appearance of impairing or impeding, his or her ability to make full, unbiased decisions or to provide full unbiased service to the Board. Each board member shall disclose to the Board on a case-by-case basis, any personal relationship, interest or dealings that impairs or impedes, or gives the appearance of impairing or impeding, his or her ability to make full, unbiased decisions on a matter.

Any board member who has a conflict of interest as defined above must recuse himself/herself from any matter and is prohibited from participating in any discussion or vote on the matter, and shall leave the hearing room during the discussion or vote. It is improper for any board member having a conflict of interest to attempt to influence another board member at any time, including prior to the discussion on the matter for which the conflict exists.

Disciplinary Activity

As of February 8, 2017, the Office of General Counsel has one open file. There are no orders or contested cases on the agenda to be presented to the Board today.

Rule Activity

You reviewed rule changes with Ms. Lansford at your last meeting. I will review those with you today as well as discuss a possible revision to your rules regarding supervision.

Legislation

On April 11, 2017 the Tennessee Legislature passed a bill extending the Board for Communications Disorders and Science until June 30, 2021.

Investigative Report

Nichelle Dorroh, from the Office of Investigations presented the investigative reports. There are currently two (2) open complaints against speech pathologists, seven (7) open complaints against audiologists, and no open complaints against SLPA's. There are currently three (3) practitioners being monitored.

Financial Report

Noranda French, from the Fiscal department, presented the financial report to the Board, which included the year-end report for Fiscal year 16, as well as a fiscal year 17 mid-year report and projections.

Administrative Report

Mr. Custer provided the administrative report. As of April 30, 2017, there are 409 licensed audiologists, 2695 licensed speech pathologists and 118 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between February 2, 2017 and April 30, 2017, a total of 35 Audiologists have renewed their licenses, with 25, or 71%, of those renewing online. For the same time period, a total of 265 Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses, with 200, or 75%, of those renewing online. Mr. Custer also advised that out of 7 total renewals, we had 3, or 43%, of SLPA's renew online.

Ms. Wilkins also advised the Board of the progress of the online application portal, and gave a brief explanation of the portal.

Newly Licensed/Registered

Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Speech Pathologists. The motion carried.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY - NEW

1	Trinity	Awad-Letteri	5840	16	Heather	Francis	6131	31	Lanesha	Rabb	6104
2	Amber	Brasfield	6036	17	Erin	Frye	5692	32	Mallory	Record	5894
3	Christine	Carullo	6126	18	Mackenzie	German	5930	33	Lauren	Roberts	5753
4	Meghan	Caudill	5257	19	Bridget	Griffin	6127	34	Caitlin	Robertson	6142
5	Amanda	Chung	6093	20	Kelsey	Holt	6051	35	Quilona	Robertson	6132
6	Courtney	Clayton	6122	21	Gail	Hug	6121	36	Sarah	Rose	6137
7	Carson	Cochran	6134	22	Hillary	Juristy	5865	37	Vernelle	Sanders	6123
8	Erin	Coffren	6124	23	Claire	Kakenmaster	5919	38	Dana	Sexton	6125
9	Phydragren	Cole	5808	24	Brooke	Kasiar	6102	39	Kendra	Smith	6130
10	Margaret	Coyle	6101	25	Genevieve	Leenan	6128	40	Samantha	Tidwell	5798
11	Amanda	Dahl	6118	26	Jalisa	Mayfield	5737	41	Jenna	Trent	5965
12	Courtney	Davis	5883	27	Amelia	Plumlee	6117	42	Kelly	Trest	6083
13	Melita	Duffy	6140	28	Alicia	Prince	5720	43	Shelby	Wright	6129
14	Elizabeth	Ebelhar	6139	29	Charlotte	Purcell	5848	44	Lauren	Zimmerman	5771
15	Jeremy	Fouss	5888	30	Joung	Ra	5807				

Dr. Starr made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Audiologists. The motion carried.

AUDIOLOGY - NEW

1	Melissa	Anderson	1820	3	Melinda	Gray	1305	5	Richard	Roberts	1823
2	Colby	Glidewell	1818	4	Amanda	Pearson	1821				

Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve the presented list of newly registered Speech Language Pathology Assistants. The motion carried.

SLPA - NEW

1	Chelsea	Berry	508	3	Keyana	Gardner	524	4	Catherine	Wolfe	522
2	Julie	Darnell	525								

Reinstatements

Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to approve the presented list of reinstated Speech Pathologists. The motion carried.

SLP REINSTATE

From Retired				From Expired			
1	Tanasi	Otero	3596	1	Sherri	Allen	2247
2	Jennifer	Smith	2403	2	Sirisha	Duvvuru	5191

Agreed Citations

The Board reviewed the following agreed citation. Mr. Custer advised that the practitioner was cited for continuing education violations, and had paid her assessed fine and made up the required hours.

CE HOURS VIOLATIONS

	NAME	PROF	LIC #	HRS DEFICIENT	CIVIL PENALTY
1	Cindy Greeson	SLPA	348	8	\$100.00

Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to accept the citation for Ms. Greeson. The motion carried.

File Review

The Board reviewed the file of **Carrie Eaton**, Audiology Clinical Extern (ACE) applicant. Mr. Custer advised the Board that Ms. Eaton had recently applied for her ACE, but had also indicated that she had been working in the ACE capacity for nearly a year already. After discussion, Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to issue a private letter of reprimand, as has been done in the past. The motion carried. Additionally, Dr. Crittendon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Starr, to issue a letter to the supervising Audiologist as a future reference that all individuals beginning their ACE must be registered with the Board, as per Rule 1370-01-.10.

The Board reviewed the file of **Marshall McClelland**, Speech Pathology reinstatement applicant. After review and discussion, Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to accept and approve the reinstatement application upon receipt of missing documents. The motion carried.

Rules and Rule Amendments

Ms. Formont advised the Board that she wants to present again the draft language for several rule amendments relating to fees, Clinical Fellowships, Continuing Education, and others, for clarification and understanding, since she has now taken over as the Board's advisory attorney. The Board re-reviewed the draft language and held discussion regarding the new language. Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to adopt the language changes for rulemaking hearing to be held at a future Board meeting.

New Business

Ms. Formont advised the Board that there may be an emergency telephonic meeting called to present information regarding the H.I.S. Council lawsuit settlement.

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.