

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: February 5, 2019

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CDT

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Velvet Buehler, Chair, Speech Pathologist
Carrie Crittendon, Au.D, Audiologist
Julie A Davis, Speech Pathologist
Richard Morton, Citizen Member
Ellen J. Pearson, Speech Pathologist
Debby Starr, Au.D, Audiologist
Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
Michele Tamayo, Board Administrator
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Christie Taylor, Assistant General Counsel

Ms. Velvet Buehler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Ms. Wilkins introduced the new board member Ms. Ellen Pearson, Speech Pathologist.

Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Upon review of the November 1, 2018 minutes, Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crittendon, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator for the Office of Investigations gave the following report;

Currently two (2) licensees are being monitored, one board ordered and one revocation. The revocation file will be closed. It has been sent to the Attorney General's office for collections, and the licensee has not been paying at all. The file will be flagged. The Board order licensee is paying, it is just slow.

New complaints received in 2018:

Audiology five (5) total, one (1) for malpractice, and four (4) unprofessional conduct. All five are from Middle Tennessee. No complaints were closed, seven open are being investigated and reviewed.

Speech Pathology Assistants we received no complaints for the year, no closures, and no currently opened cases.

OGC Report

Ms. Taylor read aloud the Conflict of Interest Policy and Open Meetings Act.

Disciplinary Activity

There are no cases currently for CDS licensees in the Office of General Council.

The rules are still under internal review. Additionally the Governor has issued an Executive order placing a Stay on any rule development for the next 90 days. Right now no new filings can go forward until that Stay has been lifted.

John Williams representing TAASLP approached the podium. Mr. Williams stated he understands the Governor has issued this Executive Order, but he thinks there is an exception procedure embodied in the Executive Order. Mr. Williams asked Ms. Taylor if she is familiar with that. Ms. Taylor replied it is for emergencies only. Mr. Williams stated he does not understand about the internal review, this was going on before the last board meeting. Ms. Taylor stated she understands his concern; however this is the policy and the procedure of the Office of General Counsel. Currently rules have to go through all the formal steps. Ms. Taylor made the recommended changes by the board and they are being reviewed by the appropriate individuals. Mr. Williams strongly stated the importance of the rules, a discussion on the process of approving the rules took place. Ms. Buehler asked how long after the 90 day Stay is lifted until the rules can be put into place? Ms. Taylor answered she felt it would be at least another year to go through the entire process and the filing. Ms. Buehler then asked what is an emergency, and why can we not classify this as an emergency? Ms. Wilkins explained that emergency rules are usually brand new rules only.

Legislation

No new legislation at this time.

Administrative Report

Michele Tamayo provided the administrative report. As of February 01, 2019, there are a total of 442 licensed Audiologists, 2897 licensed Speech Pathologists and 139 registered Speech Language Pathology Assistants.

Between October 31, 2018 and February 1, 2019 there are four (4) new Audiologists, zero (0) new audiology clinical externs, three (3) retired, two (2) expired, and a total of fifty-three (53) Audiologists have renewed their licenses. Thirty-four (34) of those renewals were online, and one (1) reinstatement.

There are four-six (46) new speech language pathologists, thirteen (13) new clinical fellows, fourteen (14) retired, twenty-nine (29) expired, two hundred and ninety-eight (298) Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses with two hundred and twenty-five (225) of those renewing online, and thirteen (13) reinstatements.

There are six (6) new Speech Language Pathology Assistants registered, zero (0) retired, two (2) expired, a total of five (5) Speech Language Pathology Assistants renewed their licenses with one (1) of those renewing online, and one (1) reinstatement

Ms. Tamayo reviewed the remaining scheduled Board meeting dates for 2019

May 7, 2019
August 6, 2019
November 5, 2019

Newly Licensed/Registered

Upon review Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve the following newly Speech Language Pathologist.

Newly Licensed Speech Pathologists

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| 6316 Austin, Stephanie | 6362 Blakely, Shelynda |
| 6520 Baumgartel, Mary | 6658 Bleau, Kayla |
| 6660 Buckner, Stephanie | 6675 O'Donnell, Amanda |
| 6346 Deviney, Sophie | 6347 Odegaard, Shanna |
| 6016 Diehl, Sarah | 6667 Parker, Denise |
| 6662 Dirro, Sarah | 6688 Parker, Faulkner |
| 6669 Dotson, Julia | 6263 Pelts, Lauren |
| 6586 Fenton, Rachel | 6338 Pham, Linda |
| 6690 Frieling, Olivia | 6684 Ramey, Ashley |
| 6677 Gonzales, Brenna | 6232 Richter, Janae |
| 6206 Gugliotta, Katerina | 6693 Robinson, Brooke |
| 6665 Henry, Kelsey | 6377 Rowe, Kelsey |
| 6649 Hoyt, Autumn | 6275 Searce, Mary |
| 6332 Jackson, Alecia | 6676 Sheehan, Molly |
| 6664 Keller, Natalie | 6048 Simon, Jennifer |
| 6680 Kitchen, Jennifer | 6674 Solomon, Courtney |
| 6323 Ladmirault, Jennifer | 6666 Springer, Ashley |
| 6277 Lancaster, Briana | 6304 Tapper, Jenevieve |
| 6673 Magee, Lucas | 6260 Theiss, Elizabeth |
| 6361 McDowell, Madison | 6250 Wharton, Jennifer |
| 6668 Mingus, Kelly | 6368 White, Kelly |
| 6638 Mullins, Meagan | 6683 Wilgus, Abby |
| 6271 Murphy, Rachel | 6628 Wilson-Lewis, Kimberly |

The Motion Carried.

Upon review Ms. Starr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton to approve the following newly licensed Audiologist.

Newly Licensed Audiologists

1919 Callahan, Christina
1920 Hester, Briana

1841 Kerley, Hannah
1918 Matyja, Courtney

The motion carried.

Upon review Mr. Morton made a motion seconded by Ms. Starr to approve the following newly licensed Speech Pathology Assistants.

Newly Licensed Speech Language Pathologist Assistants

579 Class Michelle
574 Hornung, Melissa
582 Longway, Sierra

584 Monroe, Shelby
585 Sharp, Kanden
588 Spence, Michele

The motion carried.

Reinstatements

Upon review, Ms. Crittendon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson to approve the following reinstated Speech Pathologists.

Speech Pathologist Reinstatements

5535 Blevins, Victoria
1915 Brasher, Angela
5387 Campagna, Ashlynn
4053 Carlisle, Laurie
2184 Hastings, Kathryn
4005 Hebb, Marcea
4001 Inman, Deborah

5448 Keys, Rachel
3357 Miller, Laura
3094 Quillen, Jennifer
3668 Sitton, Leslie
2883 Smith, Christy
5356 Welles, Kelly

The Motion carried.

Upon review Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Starr to approve the following reinstated Audiologist and Speech Pathology Assistant.

Audiologist Reinstatements

1583 Huebner, Alexandra

Speech Pathology Assistant Reinstatements

467 Miller, Ciara

The Motion carried.

Agreed Citations

Ashlynn Campagna SLP #5387 had expired. She continued to practice for two months before reinstating her license. Ms. Campagna was issued an Agreed Citation with a two hundred dollar fine (\$200) which she has paid.

Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton to approve Ms. Campagna's agreed citation. The Motion carried.

Christy Smith SLP # 2883 had expired. Ms. Smith continued to practice for almost six (6) months before reinstating her license. Ms. Smith was issued an Agreed Citation with a six hundred dollar fine (\$600). She has paid the fine.

Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve Ms. Smith's agreed citation. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence at this time

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Mr., Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crittendon. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Ratified by the Board May 7, 2019