

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: May 12, 2014

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CST

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
Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Valerie Matlock, Ed.D, Audiologist

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Waters, Deputy General Counsel
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

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby, to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes as presented. The motion carried.

OGC Report

The new Board advisory attorney, Hannah Lanford, was introduced by Mark Waters, Deputy General Counsel.

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

Ms. Lanford made reference to the previous meeting when John Williams spoke regarding a licensure process for interpreters for the hearing impaired. Ms. Lanford stated that this bill did not pass. Additionally, the bill regarding the Autism Equity Act, presented by Mr. Williams at the previous meeting, also did not pass.

The rules regarding tele-communication (Rule 1370-01-.21) that were approved by the Board at a previous meeting have been approved by the Attorney General's office, and have an effective date of July 9, 2014.

The rules regarding supervision of CFYs (Rule 1370-01-.10) have been approved by the Attorney General's office, with an effective date of July 16, 2014.

Ms. Lanford advised the Board that the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists will be conducting a rulemaking hearing at their next meeting, scheduled for June 26, 2014. The proposed amendment involves removing the exam costs associated with the written exam.

There is one (1) open case in OGC and there are no cases that have been appealed to the Chancery Court.

There are no consent orders or agreed orders to be presented.

Investigative Report

There are currently no open complaints against speech pathologists or audiologists. There are also no open complaints for Speech Language Pathology Assistants. There are also two (2) cases currently up for OGC review.

Monitored Practitioners

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

Financial Report

Ms. Vanessa Crutcher advised the Board on the status of the financial statement for projecting how the Board finances will look for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014, including a complete line-by-line breakdown regarding expenses and revenue. Ms. Crutcher also advised the Board that shared expenses, such as rent and licensing database, is split among all the Health Related Boards, and the CDS portion is billed at 1.05% of the total cost.

Administrative Report

As of April 30, 2014, there are 376 licensed audiologists, 2266 licensed speech pathologists and 100 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between January 30, 2014 and April 30, 2014, 33 Audiologists have renewed their licenses. Out of the 33, 18 renewed online, giving a 54.5% renewal rate. For the same time period, 248 Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses. Out of the 248, 132 renewed online giving a 53.2% renewal rate.

Newly Licensed

SPEECH

1	Baltimore	Allison	5243
2	Bowden	Samantha	5176
3	Brown	Megan	4972
4	Christian	Scottie	5230
5	Chubb	Donna	1064
6	Craig	Akria	5248
7	Davis	Samantha	5002
8	Demastus	Janet	2166
9	Dorsey	Alison	5233
10	Eisenkopf	Kristy	5247
11	Ewing	DeShawn	5215
12	Gamby	Vicki	5237
13	Goins	Chelsey	5009

14	Goostree	Kelsey	5004
15	Goudy	Amy	5011
16	Heil	Larae	5225
17	Holt	Valerie	5259
18	Howard	Jenna	4835
19	Jaeger	Jessica	3888
20	Keller	Sara	1244
21	King	Kimberly	5216
22	Lorello	Jamie	5232
23	Mangan	Erika	5229
24	Noordin	Sehrish	5008
25	Olson	Carrie	5218
26	Ormsby	Amanda	5231
27	Padgett	Laura	5166
28	Petersen	Anna	5113
29	Powell	Tiffani	5211
30	Pursell	Susan	2512
31	Ragan	Sara	1729
32	Ranson	Salome	4945
33	Scott	Jennifer	5239
34	Shockley	Christie	5228
35	Shriyan	Sharmila	5210
36	Smith	Carol	5194
37	Vandyke	Samantha	5254
38	Wortham	Amy	5245

Ms. Crosby made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to approve the list of the new Speech Pathology licenses. Motion carried.

AUDIOLOGY

1	Anderson	Sandra	1694
2	Evins	Wendy	1690
3	Kloiber	Diana	1693
4	Morris	Deirdre	1692
5	Shedd	Monica	1634
6	Spragins	Mary	1695

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to approve the list of the new Audiology licenses. Motion carried.

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT

1	Escandon	Kelly	432
2	Ingmand	Bethany	430
3	Schorr	Amanda	429
4	Thompson	Robert	427

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby, to approve the list of the new SLPA registrations. Motion carried.

Reinstatements

SPEECH:

1	Havens	Ashley	4125
2	Kerley	Kathryne	3338
3	McClung	Paulette	1237
4	Parnell	Karen	3496
5	Payne	Paula	4186
6	Prichard	Deborah	2171
7	Woods	Emily	2533

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

File Review

The Board reviewed the application file for **Martine McGroarty, SLP Applicant**. Ms. McGroarty had submitted her application for full licensure, upon completing her CFY. However, during the application review process, it was discovered that her CFY expired in September 2013. Ms. McGroarty was present, as was her employer and supervising SLP, Beth Urbanczyk. During the discussion, information was presented that Ms. McGroarty was awarded her CCC from ASHA in February 2014. Mr. Waters advised the Board of the civil penalty guidelines, as well as providing options for the Board to consider. After hearing all discussion, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to approve the application for Ms. McGroarty, 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 eight (8) months. Additionally, Ms. McGroarty would be given thirty (30) days to remit payment and signature on the official Consent Order. The motion carried.

Agreed Citations

The Agreed Citation presented to the Board was for failure to obtain sufficient continuing education credit. The practitioner had made up the required hours and paid the appropriate civil penalty. This Agreed Citation is for the following licensee; listing the name, profession, license number, number of hours deficient, and civil penalty assessed:

1	Grantham	Lori	SLP	1571	4 hours	\$100.00
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Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby, to approve the Agreed Citation as presented to the Board. The motion carried.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed an email from Kevin Bergeron, who inquired if hearing screening tests and aural rehabilitation are permitted under the scope of practice for SLP in Tennessee. The Board stated that, yes; both of these issues are within the scope of practice.

Continuing Education

The Board continued the discussion of allowing continuing education credit for the preparation and presentation of a CE course. After discussion and some review of how other Boards allow credit, the Board agreed that credit could be given on an hour-for-hour basis for the presentation, but no credit given for the preparation of a course.

Discussion was held regarding CE for practitioners who are reinstating their license and may need to make up CE for several years.

Discussion was also held regarding the CE auditing period and make-up hours.

CFY Policy Statement

The Board discussed the possibility of developing of a policy statement for a CFY working in a research setting. After all discussion, the Board decided not to take any action at this time, and revisit it if it becomes an issue in the future.

Rulemaking

Mr. Custer advised the Board of the reason for the upcoming rulemaking hearing being held by the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists. Mr. Custer advised that the national testing is going to a computerized version, as opposed to the current paper & pen version; and that the rulemaking hearing is to eliminate from the rules, the fee associated with conducting the testing here.

Legislation

John Williams, representing TAASLP, advised of a new law going into effect regarding the Professional Privilege Tax. The new law states that if a practitioner is delinquent in paying the tax, they would be unable to renew their license until the tax delinquency has been paid in full. The Department of Revenue would provide each Board with a list of tax delinquencies so that the renewal block could be implemented on our end. It is unknown at this time what the effective date will be.

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to adjourn at 11:12 a.m. The motion carried.

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