

MEETING MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: February 9, 2016

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CST

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Terri Flynn, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist
Mary Velvet Buehler, M.A., CCC-SLP/A, Audiologist
Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist
Debby Starr, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist
Richard Morton, Citizen Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Carrie Crittendon, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist
Julie A Crosby-Davis, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist

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

Ms. Flynn called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A roll call was held, and a quorum was present.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 17, 2015 meeting. Mr. Custer advised the Board that Dr. Starr had emailed him regarding some minor typographical errors. Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve the minutes with the corrections. The motion carried.

OGC Report

Ms. Lanford presented the following OGC report:

Legislation

Ms. Lanford advised the Board of some new legislation that has been proposed:

- Proposed House Bill 1603/Senate Bill 1515 would, as introduced, extend the Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists for six years to June 30, 2022. It would also establish minimum attendance requirements for Council members and would require the removal of members who do not meet the requirement. This bill would amend TCA Title

63, Chapter 17, Part 2. A copy of the bill can be found at the following link:

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/109/Bill/SB1515.pdf>

- Proposed House Bill 2318/Senate Bill 2391 would, as introduced, remove authority of the Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists to waive written examination requirements for applicant. It also specifies that the Nation Board for Certification of Hearing Instrument Sciences is no longer the accepted examination for licensure. This bill would amend TCA Title 63, Chapter 17, Part 2. A copy of the bill can be found at the following link: <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/109/Bill/SB2391.pdf>

Rule Activity

The rules approved at the August 2015 Board meeting regarding licensure, exams, and supervision are at the Attorney General's office awaiting approval.

Disciplinary Activity

Currently, there are no open files in the Office of General Counsel, and there are no consent orders on the agenda to be presented to the Council today.

Lapsed License Policy

Ms. Lanford advised the Board that there is a push to normalize the lapsed license policy across all 32 of the Health Related Boards. This new policy includes language explaining the Agreed Citation process, as well as setting specific limits of working on an expired license. After reviewing the proposed language, Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to accept the new policy statement with a minor change in the language. The motion carried.

Continuing Education Credit Policy

Ms. Lanford presented a draft of the policy detailing continuing education credit for presentations. Ms. Lanford reminded the Board that she had been charged with the task of writing a policy to define the Board's acceptance of CE for presentations, and how much credit could be given. After reviewing the proposed policy, Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Starr, to accept the proposed policy with changes. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Vanessa Crutcher reviewed the financial report with the Board, and provided a brief explanation of the different line items.

Administrative Report

Mr. Custer provided the administrative report. As of January 31, 2016, there are 409 licensed audiologists, 2544 licensed speech pathologists and 115 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between November 13, 2015 and January 31, 2016, a total of 41 Audiologists have renewed their licenses, with 28 of those renewing online. For the same time period, a total of 184 Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses, with 111 of those renewing online.

Newly Licensed

Dr. Starr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and registered Speech Pathology Assistants. The motion carried.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY – NEW

1	Stephanie	Bosecker	5821	18	Kristin	Hunzicker	5369	35	Vera	Reneau	5825
2	Christina	Bowers	5769	19	Sarah	Jackson	5506	36	Ashley	Rickels	5481
3	Lindsey	Braun	5787	20	Paula	Jones	5408	37	Olivia	Sanders	5499
4	Ashley	Brigeman	5652	21	Brenda	Kirk	5776	38	Ashley	Schroeder	5774
5	Elisabeth	Brown	5788	22	Sheila	Knox	5803	39	Eugenia	Schuhmacher	5784
6	Ann	Brucker	5359	23	Beth	Krouse	5366	40	Mary	Sherrill	5773
7	Eireann	Byrne	5795	24	Emily	Lee	5271	41	Dana	Sims	5797
8	Rebecca	Cox	5418	25	Kathryn	Lemke	5792	42	Kayla	Snell	5781
9	Anne	Cronin	5813	26	Larissa	Lumbrix	5768	43	Kelley	Stoker	5434
10	Sarah	Davis	5723	27	Elizabeth	Maffett	5782	44	Kristin	Strapp	5435
11	Kathryn	Dooley	5780	28	Helena	McClelland	5805	45	Mark	Taddeo	5721
12	Sara	Edgmon	5802	29	Samantha	McCulley	5811	46	Misty	Taylor	5801
13	Angie	Ellenbecker	5779	30	Kelly	Miller	5791	47	Colleen	Thomas	2638
14	Robert	Flatt	5331	31	Matthew	Paden	5793	48	Jenny	Williams	5461
15	Sara	Fuller	5421	32	Maria	Powell	5804	49	Misty	Wilson	3203
16	Elizabeth	Gill	5785	33	Elizabeth	Rainero	5789	50	Jennifer	Winters	5799
17	Tricia	Hix	3386	34	Adrienne	Ransom	5800	51	Ann	Yeatman	5818

AUDIOLOGY – NEW

1	Jill	Kassinger	1776	3	Alison	Kist	1777	5	Mary	Russel	1680
2	Janene	Kerr	1775	4	Nicole	Riis	1773				

SLPA – NEW

1	Samantha	Davis	488	4	Shawna	Huddleston	491	6	Melenia	Jeffers	484
2	Kelsey	Gray	483	5	Ansley	Isham	486	7	Ariel	Leach	492
3	JaTonia	Hall	470								

Reinstatements

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

SPEECH PATHOLOGY – REINSTATE

1	Monique	Bird	3056	6	Kasey	Furniss	4825	10	Rebecca	Moore	4765
2	Lauren	Broyles	4144	7	Vanessa	Green	1267	11	Mary	Sayler	787
3	Korie	Comer	4180	8	Emily	Grooms	2903	12	Andrew	Stanfield	3832
4	Arkia	Craig	5248	9	Meredith	Koerner	3662	13	Jennifer	Williamson	2921
5	Denise	Dotts-Browning	808								

AUDIOLOGY – REINSTATE

1	Laurie	Rush	232	2	Sharon	Rutledge	1104	3	Melanie	White	1392
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Agreed Citations

The Board reviewed the following summary list of agreed citations for multiple practitioners. Mr. Custer advised that five (5) of the practitioners were cited for continuing education violations, and one (1) was cited for violation of the lapsed license policy. Each citation was voted on individually:

CE HOURS VIOLATIONS

NAME	PROF	LIC #	HRS DEFICIENT	CIVIL PENALTY
Tammy Allen	SLP	1581	11.5	\$100.00
Savannah Blair	SLP	4567	10	\$100.00
Patricia Christopher	SLP	3779	8	\$100.00
Leslie Barton	SLPA	339	5	\$100.00
Jina Scherer	AUD	1338	10	\$100.00

LAPSED LICENSE VIOLATIONS

NAME	PROF	LIC #	CIVIL PENALTY
Meredith Koerner	SLP	3662	\$800.00

Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to accept the citation for Ms. Allen. The Motion carried.

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

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

Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to accept the citation for Ms. Barton. The motion carried.

Dr. Starr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to accept the citation for Ms. Scherer. The motion carried.

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

Review Licensure Files

The Board reviewed the reinstatement licensure file for **David Wark, Audiologist**. Dr. Wark's audiology license expired May 2014. When he submitted his reinstatement application, he indicated that he had continued to work on an expired license, providing "clinical services to clients, and supervising graduate students." Dr. Wark had been sent an Agreed Citation with a civil penalty of \$1600 for violation of the lapsed license policy. Upon receipt of the citation, Dr. Wark contacted Mr. Custer to see if the citation and penalty could be waived, due to the fact that he is not actively practicing. The Board reviewed a letter submitted by Dr. Wark, along with a letter submitted by the interim dean of the university where Dr. Wark works. After review and discussion, Dr. Starr made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to have the agreed citation and civil penalty stand. The motion carried.

Review Continuing Education

Mr. Custer presented to the Board a continuing education audit for **Scott Indermuehle, SLP**. Mr. Custer advised the Board that he was unsure of the validity of the submitted CE documentation. Mr. Indermuehle submitted documentation for 2013 and 2014. Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to not accept the CE documentation from 2014, as it

is unrelated to the practice of speech pathology. The motion carried. Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to accept the CE documentation for 2013. The motion carried.

Correspondence

Ms. Custer presented an emailed newsletter from ASHA advising of multiple items. The Board briefly reviewed the newsletter, and asked Mr. Custer if he would email it to them.

Signature Requirements for CFY/ACE/SLPA

Ms. Flynn reminded the Board that at the previous meeting, she had asked Ms. Lanford to look at the current rules and statutes as they relate to signature requirements of supervising licensees while supervising a Clinical Fellow, Extern, or SLPA. Ms. Lanford advised that ASHA requires all records of an SLPA to be signed; but does not specifically require supervising signatures on documentation for CF or ACE. Medicare considers CFs with interim state licensure as qualified providers, and as such, signatures are not required. Ms. Lanford also advised that current rules define a CF as a Speech Pathologist. Ms. Lanford also stated that if a CF is provided with an identifying number, then Medicare would not need additional signatures for billing; otherwise, supervision would be required for billing to Medicare.

New Business

Mr. Custer reminded the Board of the next meeting, scheduled for May 3, 2016.

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Ms. Flynn adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on May 3, 2016