

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 19, 2023

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CST

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 97243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Carrie Mills, Speech Pathologist,
Board Chairperson
Alicia Barker, Audiologist,
Robyn Lusby, Speech Pathologist
Richard Morton, Citizen Member,
Matthew Ward, Speech Pathologist
Skye Jones, Audiologist, Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: David Haynes, MD,
Otolaryngologist

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Candyce Wilson, Unit Director
Kristen Moon, Associate General Counsel
Ingrid Rodriguez, Board Administrator

Ms. Candyce Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted, and quorum was confirmed.

Consideration of application

Ms. Wilson presented reason for a Board application review regarding Mr. Dane Schmittel. Ms. Jones made motion to approve Mr. Schmittel license, seconded by Ms. Barker. All in favor, the motion carried.

Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the March 23, 2023, meeting minutes. Ms. Barker made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Ward. All in favor, the motion carried.

Investigative Report

The investigative report was presented by Barbara Granum. In the year 2023 thus far, the office has opened one (1) new complaint for Communications Disorders, and two (2) complaints closed. Of the two (2) complaints closed one (1) was for insufficient evidence, and one (1) was closed with no action. The one (1) complaint opened, was for practicing beyond the scope. Under Speech Language Pathology one (1) new complaint opened and one (1) complaint closed. The one (1) complaint closed was with no action. The one (1) complaint opened was for practicing beyond the scope. For Audiology there was zero (0) complaints opened and one (1) complaint closed for insufficient evidence.

Financial Report

Ms. Wilson advised the Board that there was no one available to present the financial report. The Board members reviewed the financial report via tablets but had no further questions or concerns.

Office of General Counsel Report

Ms. Moon reminded the Council of the Conflict-of-Interest Policy as well as the Open Meeting Act.

Conflict of Interest

If you have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of any issue or matter before this Council which may suggest a bias on your part, you are asked to state that interest on the record so that a determination can be made as to whether there exists a need for recusal. You are reminded that it is the duty of this Council to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee and that the administration of this solemn responsibility is dependent upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

Currently, there are no open cases in the office of general counsel, the disciplinary coordinators are monitoring three (3) licensees.

Rules Activity

Ms. Moon informed the Board that the rule making was postponed until the following month surrounding Government Operations Committees.

The second rule making for HIS Practical skills proctor is on the final steps of the internal process.

Administrative Report

Ms. Rodriguez provided the following administrative report:

TOTAL LICENSED/REGISTERED AS OF 05/19/2023.

Audiologists	Speech Pathologist	SLPA
Active Licensees –544	Active Licensees – 3657	Registered –148

SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING
(03/23/2023 – 05/19/2023)

Audiologists	AUD ACE	Speech Pathologists	SLP CFP	SLPA
New– 24	New –9	New– 3657	New – 46	New –3
Retired -0		Retired –0		Retired – 0
Expired – 3		Expired - 36		Expired – 5
Total Renewals – 35		Total Renewals – 213		Total Renewals –5
Online Renewals- 35		Online Renewals –5		Online Renewals – 3

Tentative meeting for 2023-2024

November 10

CONDUCT NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Renea Sageser presented the Board with the consideration of adopting ASHA’s 4-year CF program requirements and possibly a modification to the supervision section of the rules. Ms. Sageser voiced her concern regarding CFY’s not coming off in a timely matter, also her interest in obtaining Compact License.

Ms. Moon stated this would be a rule revision and the Board members would have to vote on it. The rule making process could take up to a year. Ms. Moon stated that the Compact license statue goes into effect this year but, the compact itself will not issue licenses yet. The Board is waiting for the Compact to issue their rules.

Mr. Ward and Ms. Mill voiced their concerns pertaining to the adoption of the ASHA Supervision timeline. Ms. Sageser proposed for an ASHA representative to speak on this matter at the next Board meeting. The Board welcome the suggestion and possible rule revision.

Ratify New licenses and Reinstatement of licenses.

Mr. Morton made a motion to ratify the list, seconded by Ms. Jones. All in favor, the motion carried.

Newly Licensed HIS

Apprentice:

Beck, Aubrey A
Hoffman, Howard Scott
Jones, Cory Kenneth
Kail, Laura Beth
Laraway, Shannon
Miller, Lynsey
Pacuinias, Sarah
Pearce, Nickalus
Stackpole, Brooke Lynn
Varnell, Sara

Upgrade to Full License:

Falconbury, Richard
Frazee, Josyanne Lee
Furlong, Amanda
Horine, Derek
Justice, Whitney
Mathes, Sheena Ann
Stykes, Mechele Lea

Voluntarily Retired

Bray, Traci Marion
Garrett, Dana
Tarnoff, Adrienne

Ms. Jones made a motion to ratify the list of CDS applicants, seconded by Ms. Barker. All in favor, the motion carried.

Discuss and take action if needed regarding Correspondence.

Mr. Ward made a motion to mirroring ASHA’s requirements, second by Mr. Morton. All in favor, the motion carried.

Discuss legislation and take action.

Ms. Moon updated the Board on the following legislative update:

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 125 / SENATE BILL NO. 701:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-17-103(5)(B)(iv), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(iv) Have protocols in place for emergency medical backup for every setting in which the speech language pathologist performs a procedure using an endoscope. A physician must provide general supervision and be readily available in the event of an emergency, including, but not limited to, physical presence at the setting or availability by telephone or telehealth, as defined in § 63-1-155;"

Discuss and consider approval for conference attendance.

Ms. Barker presented and proposed the National Council of State Board and Examiners. Mr. Morton made motion for the Board to become a member. The motion was second by Mr. Ward. The Board voted; the motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comments were presented at this time.

Adjournment

Mr. Morton made motion for adjournment, seconded by Ms. Jones. All in favor, the motion carried.

*****Ratified by the Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences on May 19, 2023*****