

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

DATE: November 3, 2023

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CST

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

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Carrie Mills, Board Chairperson
Emily Hosokawa Speech Pathologist
Matthew Ward, Speech Pathologist
Skye Jones, Audiologist, Board Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Richard Morton, Citizen
Member
Alicia Barker, Audiologist,
Robyn Lusby, Speech Pathologist
David Haynes, Otolaryngologist

**STAFF MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

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

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

Conflict of Interest

Ms. Moon present the board with the 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.

Consideration of application

a) Leslie P. Lynch

Ms. Jones made a motion to approve Speech Language Pathology Reinstatement application, seconded by Mr. Ward. All in favor, the motion carried.

b) Jennifer L. Cook

Ms. Jones made a motion to approve Speech Language Pathology Reinstatement application, seconded by Mr. Ward. All in favor, the motion carried.

c) Rhyan Crowder

Ms. Jones made a motion to approve Speech Language Pathology Reinstatement application, seconded by Mr. Ward. All in favor, the motion carried.

d) Virginia Smith

Ms. Jones made a motion to approve Speech Language Pathology Reciprocity application, seconded by Mr. Ward. All in favor, the motion carried.

e) Robert Thompson

Ms. Jones made a motion to approve Speech Language Pathology Upgrade application, seconded by Mr. Ward. All in favor, the motion carried.

Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Due to technical issues the Board was unable to review the meeting minutes for August 18, 2023. Minutes will be table for the February 16, 2024, meeting.

Investigative Report

The investigative report was presented by Barbara Granum. In the year 2023 thus far, the office has opened nine (9) new complaint for Communications Disorders, and nine (9) complaints closed. Of the three (3) complaints closed three (3) were for insufficient evidence, and six (6) were closed with no action. The six (6) complaint opened, were for unprofessional conduct and three (3) for practicing beyond the scope. Under Speech Language Pathology two (2) new complaint opened and two (2) complaint closed. The two (2) complaint closed were with no action. The two (2) complaint opened were for practicing beyond the scope. For Audiology there were six (6) complaints opened and seven (7) complaint closed. Of the six (6) complaint closed three (3) were for insufficient evidence and four (4) were closed with no action. The six (6) complaint opened, were for unprofessional conduct. Under Speech Language Pathology Assistant one (1) complaint opened no complaint closed. The one (1) complaint opened was for practicing beyond the scope.

Financial Report

Ms. Emily Godwin fiscal director for the Division of Health Licensure and Regulation,

presented the Preliminary physical report for 2023.

**Tennessee Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences
Actual Revenue and Expenditures
for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023**

Description	FY2023	FY2022	FY2021
Payroll Expenditures (701-702)	\$ 62,654.80	\$ 56,785.52	\$ 64,745.37
Total Other Expenditures (703-725)	\$ 13,257.38	\$ 13,116.27	\$ 11,927.85
Total Allocated Expenditures	\$ 84,083.08	\$ 71,903.50	\$ 73,384.81
Total Expenditures	\$ 159,995.26	\$ 141,805.29	\$ 150,058.03
Board Fee Revenue	\$ 214,213.00	\$ 239,947.18	\$ 234,315.32
Current Year Net	\$ 54,217.74	\$ 98,141.89	\$ 84,257.29
Total Technology Improvements	\$ 10,247.87	\$ 11,186.14	\$ 9,747.78
Cumulative Carryover	\$ 682,557.38	\$ 638,587.51	\$ 551,631.76

Administrative Report

Ms. Rodriguez provided the following administrative report.

TOTAL LICENSED/REGISTERED AS OF 11/01/2023

Audiologists	Speech Pathologist	SLPA
Active Licensees – 553	Active Licensees – 3830	Registered – 156

SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING (08/18/2023-11/01/2023)

Audiologists	AUD ACE	Speech Pathologists	SLP CFP	SLPA
New – 8	New- 1	New – 103	New – 75	New – 16
Retired – 1		Retired – 4		Retired – 0
Expired – 9		Expired - 29		Expired – 8
Total Renewals –49		Total Renewals – 313		Total Renewals – 13
Online Renewals - 38		Online Renewals – 262		Online Renewals –10
Reinstatements – 0		Reinstatements – 17		Reinstatements – 0

Tentative meeting for 2024

February 16, 2024

May 17, 2024

August 16, 2024

November 1, 2024

Office of General Counsel:

Ms. Moon presented the OGC report. And a brief refresher of the Conflict-of-Interest Policy and Open Meeting Act. Currently, there are no open cases in the office of general counsel for this Board. The disciplinary coordinators are monitoring two (2) licenses. The ASHA updated rule the Board voted is in the internal drafting face.

Ms. Moon announced that the Office of General Counsel is restructuring, and this would be her last meeting as the advisory attorney for the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences. Mr. Michael Vernell will be the new advisory attorney for this Board starting with the February 2024 meeting.

Conduct New Business:

No new corresponds was presented at this time. Mr. Ward gave a brief summary of previous corresponds regarding ASHA CF Supervision timeline requirements and concerns.

Ratify New licenses and Reinstatement of licenses.

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

Newly Licensed HIS

Barrett Dustin Frank

Beck Audrey A

Harris David

Hayter Lillie

Layman Michael S

Lewis Morgan Emory

Lormand Shannon

McClain Cassie Cumming

Varnell Sara

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

NCSB Conference and Interstate Compact

Ms. Mills presented the Board with the NCSB Conference and Compact meeting proposals.

Ms. Jones made motion for to approve, seconded by Mr. Ward. All in favor, the motion carried.

Discuss legislation and take action.

Ms. Mills presented the over-the-counter hearing aids. Ms. Moon clarifies that this will require a Rulemaking. Board would like all members to be present to future review and discuss over-the-counter hearing aids. This matter will be table to a future meeting.

Presentation of Disciplinary Orders

No disciplinary orders presented at this time.

Public Comment

No public comments were presented at this time.

Adjournment

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

*****Ratified by the Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences on February 16, 2024*****