

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 22, 2022
TIME: 10:00 A.M., CDT
LOCATION: Health Related Boards

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Richard Morton, Citizen Member, Chairperson
David Haynes, MD, Otolaryngologist
Alicia Barker, Audiologist, Board Sectary
Robyn Lusby, Speech Pathologist,
Carren Mills, Speech Pathologist
Matthew Ward, Speech Pathologist

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Skye Jones, Audiologist

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT:
Mrs. Diana Hunley, Regulatory Board Administrator Director II
Doris VanOvermeiren, Board Administrator 2
Ashley Fine, Associate General Counsel

Mrs. Diana Hunley read the opening remarks into the record. She asked everyone to introduce themselves for the record. A roll call vote was conducted, and all Board members were present we have a quorum.

An introductory was made for the new board member Mr. Matthew Ward.

Mr. Richard Morton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Upon review of the board meeting on November 9, 2021. Mr. Morton ask that Ellen Pearson's profession be corrected.

Mrs. Carren Mills made a motion, seconded by Dr. Haynes. A voice vote was conducted, and all voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Financial Report:

Mr. Matthew McSpadden fiscal manager for the Division of Health Licensure and Regulation. Mr. McSpadden presents the mid fiscal-year report. The fiscal report runs July 1, 2021, through January 30, 2022. The mid fiscal-year expenditures for payroll is \$25,053.33, other direct expenditures \$ 4,820.48 and total direct expenditures for mid-year is \$29,873.81, total allocated legal expenditures \$31,842.74. Total expenditures \$. 61,716.55. Board revenue fee generated is \$121,875.00. Total current year net is \$60,158.45, Technology improvements \$1,721.01. The cumulative amount carried over for the year is \$610,069.20. Direct comparison from year 2020, 2021 and 2022 are down. Revenue expenditures and comparisons for 2020 thru 2021 increase. Mr. Matthew McSpadden gave the presentation of the 3 time average report carryover balance and completed the presentation.

Investigative Report

Ms. Jamie Byerly, Director of the office of Investigation for all Health Related Boards gave the following report for the Board Statistical Complaint Report:

No new complaints received in the office for Investigation and complaints for the year 2022, there were seven (7) complaints that carried over for 2021. Three (3) were Audiologist and four (4) for Speech language Pathologist, one (1) complaint was closed the year 2022 with no violations. For overview of 2021. Total of six complaints open for the year, four (4) for Speech language Pathologist and two (2) for Audiologist. Seven (7) complaints were closed. One complaint closed for the Office of General Counsel for discipline. Four (4) complaints were closed with no violation. One (1) closed with a letter of concern and one (1) with a letter of warning. Complaints open for 2021, one (1) was for false billing, one (1) was for malpractice and negligence, one (1) for unprofessional conduct, 2 for lapsed license, one (1) for outside of the investigative scope.

Administrative Report:

Doris VanOvermeiren provided the following administrative report:

As of November 9th, 2021 thru February 22, 2022 there are a total of 520 licensed Audiologists, 3458 for licensed Speech Language Pathologists and Speech Language Pathology Assistants. 144 registered.

Audiologist: as of November 9th, 2021 thru February 22, 2022 there is ten (10) newly licensed Audiologists. There were two (2) retired licenses, three (3) expired license. There is a total of sixty Eight (68) renewals, zero (0) online renewals, two (2) reinstatements. There were two (2) new ACE's.

Speech Language Pathologists: There is eighty one (81) newly licensed Speech Language Pathologists, five (5) retired licenses, twenty three (23) expired licenses, three hundred and seventy nine (379) Speech Pathologists renewed their licenses, three hundred and eighteen (318) of the renewals were online. Ten (10) reinstatements. There were nineteen (19) new Clinical Fellows. There was eleven (11) newly registered Speech Language Pathology Assistant, Five (5) retirements, forty One (41) expired registrations, and Twenty Five (25) reinstatements.

Newly Speech Language Pathology Assistant: A total of eight (8) Speech Language Pathology Assistants new during this time, two (2) retirements, nine (9) expired licenses, fourteen (14) renewals, ten (10) were online. Zero (0) reinstatements.

Tentative meetings for 2022: Board meeting will now be held on Thursdays at 10:00 AM

August 18, 2022

November 10, 2022

OGC Report:

Mrs. Fine, with the Office of General Counsel, presented the OGC report. She read aloud the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Open Meetings Act. She then addressed disciplinary and rule activity.

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.

Open Meetings Act:

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Council business may only be discussed by Council members during the meeting. Members should not discuss the Council's business at any time other than during the open meeting. The prohibition applies to phone calls, emails, and text messages. Council members should also ensure that all comments during the meeting are stated for all to hear; private conversations between or among members during the meeting are inappropriate.

Disciplinary Activity

Ms. Fine stated that there are currently ten (10) cases open cases in the Office of General Counsel, that no contested cases were scheduled, and that no consent orders were scheduled to be presented at this meeting. Mrs. Fine informed the Board that monitoring of disciplinary action, which was previously part of investigations, is now being conducted by the Office of General Counsel. Mrs. Fine also informed the Board that the Office of General Counsel will now be giving the disciplinary action report for monitoring. Ms. Fine stated that the Office of General Counsel, Disciplinary Coordinators are now monitoring two licensees on probation and one licensee for revocation.

Rule Activity

Ms. Fine explained to the Board that the Provisional Licensure rules are currently under review with the Attorney General's Office and that the Telecommunications and Tele-supervision rules are currently in internal review.

New Licensed Audiologist to be Ratified

2024	A	Benson, Dennell
2024	A	Brown, Ashley Dr.
2024	A	Lee, John Dr.
2024	A	Martin Jr., James William
2024	A	Powis, Janice Tanedo Dr.
2024	A	Reeg Hannah Barclay
2024	A	Roth, Danielle Marie Dr.
2024	A	Tyus, Kelly V. MS
2024	A	Vickerson, Nancy Lynn
2024	A	Warner, Kelli

Upon review, Carrie Mills made a motion, seconded by Alicia Barker, to approve the newly licensed Audiologists. A voice vote was conducted, all in favor. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed Speech Language Pathologist be Ratified

2023	SP	Aebi, Jessica Ms.
2023	SP	Allen, Emma
2023	SP	Apelt, Elizabeth Mrs.
2023	SP	Ausmus, Emily
2023	SP	Bailey, Rita Louise
2023	SP	Balance, Kathryn
2023	SP	Bancroft, Jennifer Christine Dr.
2023	SP	Barber, Ashton
2023	SP	Baricevic, Nicole Marie
2023	SP	Beard, Tanya
2023	SP	Beckham, Bethany
2023	SP	Bedinger, Kate
2023	SP	Buckles, Rachael A
2023	SP	Burke, Tayler Nicole
2023	SP	Byrd, Emily Ms.
2023	SP	Calvert, Emma Kate
2023	SP	Cannito, Caitlin Elizabeth
2023	SP	Carr, Samantha Kay
2023	SP	Colin, Leighann Bibb
2023	SP	Cooper, Jane E. Deweese
2023	SP	De La Cruz, Amelia Lynne
2023	SP	Dickson, Jill Lauren

2023	SP	Dillihay, Lara Christine
2023	SP	Dillon, Jacey
2023	SP	Ely, Rachel
2023	SP	Evans, Anna Layne
2023	SP	Flagg, Sabrina Clarissa Mrs.
2023	SP	Francis, Hannah Claire
2023	SP	Frederick, Cheyenna Sky
2023	SP	Gaines, Morgan Laman
2023	SP	Gershenson, Jill
2023	SP	Gray, Meredith
2023	SP	Hancock, Elizabeth Mason
2023	SP	Harrell, Melissa
2023	SP	Hays, Sharon Hope
2023	SP	Hillier, Jenna
2023	SP	Huff, Miranda Lynn
2023	SP	Hunt, Jessa Haley
2023	SP	Hutton, Judith Carol
2023	SP	Ketron, Emilee
2023	SP	Kleppinger, Allison Lee
2023	SP	Kremers, Kennady Rhea
2023	SP	Kuhl, Lisa Diane
2023	SP	Langsdon, Kristi
2023	SP	Lawson, Callie Jean
2023	SP	Mangum-Jones, Lacey E.
2023	SP	Marcel, Julie Michelle
2023	SP	McCloskey, Nicholas David
2023	SP	Michelini, Heather
2023	SP	Miller, Angie
2023	SP	Muhler, Abigail
2023	SP	Nichols, Jill
2023	SP	Numi, Gabrielle Ms.
2023	SP	Nyquist, Katherine
2023	SP	Oakley, Christina Grace
2023	SP	Paris, Jacqueline
2023	SP	Plascencia, Laura Diane
2023	SP	Poe, Kelly Kathleen
2023	SP	Pugh, Carol
2023	SP	Qadir, Faiza Iman
2023	SP	Ratzlaff, Summer C
2023	SP	Robinson, Elizabeth Michelle
2023	SP	Rutherford, Hannah Morgan
2023	SP	Sakovich, Abby Leigh
2023	SP	Schnierle, Sarah J
2023	SP	Sexton, Jessica
2023	SP	Sherrod, Emily
2023	SP	Smith, Bonnie
2023	SP	Smith, Laura Reed
2023	SP	Smith, Moriah Camak

2023	SP	Smith, Natalie Renee
2023	SP	Stansky, Stephanie Lenae
2023	SP	Stepanova, Karina
2023	SP	Sulkowski, Allison M
2023	SP	Teardo, Lynn Frances
2023	SP	Thomlinson, Whitney
2023	SP	Till, Brittney Elise
2023	SP	Turner, Jordan
2023	SP	Wahba, Mallory
2023	SP	Wedoff, Kim

Upon review, Alicia Barker made a motion, seconded by Carren Mills, to approve. A voice vote was conducted, all voted in favor. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed SLP-CFP be Ratified

2023	CF	Adams, Mandy Carol
2023	CF	Barnett, Kanden Sharp
2023	CF	Bentz, Jacqueline
2023	CF	Brett, Taylor Marie Davidson
2023	CF	Brots, Rachael
2023	CF	Davis, Megan Michelle
2023	CF	Dunn, Jessica
2023	CF	Engle, Ellen Elizabeth
2023	CF	Germanoski, Hailey Elizabeth
2023	CF	Higginbotham, Anna Marie
2023	CF	Johnson, Reilly
2023	CF	Lay, Raysa C
2023	CF	Pei, Yalian
2023	CF	Poindexter, Carmen Elizabeth
2023	CF	Risser, Kendra L
2023	CF	Samowski, Kaleigh Ann
2023	CF	Scott, Venissa Jill
2023	CF	Wiencken, Mary
2023	CF	Woosley, Kirsten Dale

Upon review, Alicia Barker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Haynes to approve. A voice vote was conducted, all voted in favor. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed SLPA's to be Ratified

2025	SP A	Bowen Taylor Renee
2025	SP A	Hannula Malah Christine
2025	SP A	Jones Janna Dallis
2025	SP A	Lecksell Evan Bailey
2025	SP A	Pelts Madilyn Elizabeth Morris
2025	SP A	Simpson Nicole Lane
2025	SP A	Soliman Semoun Atef-Awad
2025	SP A	Walker Caylee Ashlyn

Upon review, Alicia Barker made a motion, seconded by Robyn Lusby. A voice vote was conducted, all voted in favor. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist to be Ratified

- 2838 Andrews, Elsie C. Medina
- 2838 Cockerham, Karissa Mallean
- 2838 Fish-Gilliam, Mrs. Christine
- 2838 Fuller, Kristin Sue Tallman
- 2838 Henehan, Karina Miriam Kreishan

Upon review, Dr. Haynes made a motion, seconded by Carrie Mills, voice vote was conducted
The motion carried.

Newly Licensed Apprentice Hearing Instrument Specialist to be Ratified

- 2838 King, Kimberly Danielle
- 2838 Montague, Mrs. Casey Jane
- 2838 Osborne, William

Upon review, Dr. Haynes made a motion, seconded by Alicia Barker, voice vote was conducted
The motion carried.

Newly Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist to be Ratified

- 2838 Andrews Elsie C. Medina
- 2838 Cockerham Karissa Mallean
- 2838 Fish-Gilliam Mrs. Christine
- 2838 Fuller Kristin Sue Tallman
- 2838 Henehan Karina Miriam Kreishan

Upon review, Carrie Mills, made a motion, seconded by Alicia Barker, voice vote was conducted
The motion carried.

Discuss and take action if needed regarding rulemaking, hearings, rule amendments, and policies

Mrs. Fine states there is no new information at this time.

Discuss and take action if needed regarding Correspondence:

Mrs. Dana Sexton presented the SLPA program at Roane State Community College. Mrs. Sexton explained that SLPAs in the rural areas are in high demand and that SLPAs need more access to education. Mrs. Dana Sexton discussed what the program will be presenting to the Tennessee Board of Regions. Mrs. Sexton explained that the program is in the planning and proposal stage and that she was seeking from the Board data concerning the demand for Speech Language Pathologists and Speech Language Pathologist Assistants in Tennessee. Mrs. Dana Sexton discussed the publications showing the percentage increases expected thru 2028 and the demands for the SLPs and SLPAs in the rural areas. Mrs. Sexton asked the board questions concerning information required for the program. Ms. Fine advised the Board that its powers and duties as listed in statute do not authorize the Board to approve, accredit, or otherwise endorse a school program. Mrs. Fine advised the Board that it should consider limiting its discussion on this issue and stated that Rule 1370-01-.14 contains the requirements for the individual SLPA applicants. Mrs. Sexton asked the Board if it could provide data of employment for demand and provide a written statement of demand for the state of Tennessee to support the need for Speech Language Pathologist Assistants. Mrs. Hunley discussed the availability of the data requested and stated that she would research the issue. The Board did not take any action on this agenda item.

Discuss and take any action if necessary. Regarding the Education Tab on the Board's website

Mrs. Hunley proposed the removal of the schools listed on the Board's website under the Education tab and explained the need for doing so. She explained that it would be difficult for staff to check the programs, update the information, and maintain the information on the website and added that the list needed to be removed because of the foregoing discussion since the Board is not approving these programs.

Upon review, Alicia Barker, made a motion to remove the tab, seconded by Robyn Lusby, voice vote was conducted. The motion carried.

New business

N/A

Adjourn:

Carrie Mills made a motion, which was seconded by Alicia Barker. A voice vote was conducted, all in favor of the motion. The motion carried

Ratified by the Board of Communicaton Disorders and Sciences May 3, 2022