

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: May 3, 2016
TIME: 10:00 A.M., CST
LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Ground Floor, Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Velvet Buehler, M.A., CCC-SLP/A, Audiologist
Julie A Crosby-Davis, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist
Carrie Crittendon, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist
Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist
Debby Starr, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist
Richard Morton, Citizen Member

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

Mr. Custer called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A roll call was held, and a quorum was present.

Election of Board Officers

Mr. Custer presented a resignation letter from Terri Flynn. Mr. Custer advised that, as Ms. Flynn was the Board chair at the time of her resignation, the Board needed to elect a new chair and vice-chair. Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to elect Ms. Buehler as Board chair. Ms. Buehler accepted the nomination, and the motion passed. Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to elect Ms. Davis as vice-chair. Ms. Davis accepted the nomination, and the motion passed.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting. Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to approve the minutes as presented. 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, regarding the extension of the Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists for six years to June 30, 2022 and the establishing of a minimum attendance requirement for Council

members, was signed into law by Governor Haslam. This bill amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 17, Part 2. A copy of the law can be found at the following link: <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/109/Bill/HB1603.pdf>.

- Proposed House Bill 2318/Senate Bill 2391, regarding the removal of authority of the Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists to waive written examination requirements for applicants and regarding the clarification that the National Board for Certification of Hearing Instrument Specialists is no longer the accepted examination for licensure, was signed into law by Governor Haslam with an amendment that revised the qualifications for an apprentice license to reflect the removal of the NBC-HIS examination. This bill amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 17, Part 2. A copy of the law can be found at the following link: <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/109/Amend/HA0907.pdf>.

Rule Activity

The Rules approved at the August 2015 Board meeting regarding licensure, exams, and supervision been approved by the attorney general's office and have an effective date of June 22, 2016.

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.

Ben Simpson, Legislative Liaison from the Commissioner's office spoke to the Board regarding a proposed bill that will remove civil liability from a provider who dispenses low or no cost hearing aids in a community healthcare setting.

Investigative Report

Nichelle Dorroh, from the Office of Investigations presented the investigative reports. There are currently five (5) open complaints against speech pathologists, four (4) open complaints against audiologists, and no open complaints against SLPA's. There are currently three (3) practitioners being monitored.

Administrative Report

Mr. Custer provided the administrative report. As of April 30, 2016, there are 410 licensed audiologists, 2574 licensed speech pathologists and 113 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between January 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016, a total of 32 Audiologists have renewed their licenses, with 19 of those renewing online. For the same time period, a total of 262 Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses, with 182 of those renewing online.

Newly Licensed/Registered

Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Speech Pathologists. The motion carried.

Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Audiologists. The motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve the presented list of newly registered Speech Language Pathology Assistants. The motion carried.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY - NEW

1	Alexandra	Ayers	5826	18	Robert	Harrison	5849	35	Caroline	Peters	5850
2	Cristina	Baez-Diaz	5487	19	Andrea	Hills	5846	36	Lindsey	Rollins	5863
3	Sheri	Birmingham	5828	20	Veronica	Hudson	5837	37	Marla	Rossner	5857
4	Brea	Burkett	5569	21	Rachael	Janes	5595	38	Ashley	Royerre	5518
5	Abigail	Carlson	5831	22	Hillary	Klimkowski	5631	39	Emily	Ruth	5832
6	Sarah	Carpenter	5501	23	Mahesh	Kumar	5822	40	Jessica	Salley	5856
7	Stefanie	Coleman	5839	24	Amber	Lingle	5841	41	Maggie	Schabel	4748
8	Kodi	Daniels	3050	25	Curtis	Litton	5547	42	Loriann	Schwartz	5847
9	Ashley	Davis	5806	26	Rebecca	Mabry	5546	43	Erica	Shaw	5814
10	Deborah	Dillon	5851	27	Courtney	Marchman	5764	44	Wanda	Smith	5844
11	Mary	Dumas	5462	28	Pamela	Marienthal	5836	45	Kelsey	Tatum	5842
12	Jamesa	Ewing	5598	29	Jane	Martinez	5252	46	Elizabeth	Taylor	5827
13	Paige	Fombelle	5823	30	Grace	McClendon	5647	47	Andrea	Vargas	5552
14	Ashley	Freer	5845	31	Golden	Meek	5790	48	Erin	Walker	5835
15	Shawna	Gaffney	5701	32	Kaelen	Murnane	5429	49	Lauren	Whittington	5861
16	Kathryn	Godwin-Davis	5370	33	Jennifer	Parsons	5704	50	Catherine	Zachar	5532
17	Catherine	Granbery	5512	34	Jessica	Pearson	5508				

AUDIOLOGY - NEW

1	Thomas	Hladnik	1787	2	Jolene	Hoffman	237
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SLPA - NEW

1	Jessica	Green	493	3	Elisha	Reed	494	5	Rachel	Shepler	495
2	Elizabeth	King	496	4	Ashlee	Searer	498	6	Jane	Wallace	497

Reinstatements

Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Starr, to approve the presented list of reinstated Speech Pathologists. The motion carried.

Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve the presented list of reinstated Audiologists. The motion carried.

SLP REINSTATE

1	Courtney	Bauer	3422	5	Sarah	Johnson	4947	9	Annette	Noe	1886
2	Laura	Bresee	3342	6	Susan	Kabot	4464	10	Jody	Rice	3006
3	Deborah	Buffington	1399	7	Samantha	Lee	4116	11	Page	Robinson	561
4	Lauren	Dugard	4738	8	Jennifer	Meurer	3565	12	Ruth	Trump	2437

AUD REINSTATE

1	Kjersten	Branscome	1541	2	Jeannie	Luckey	203	3	David	Wark	2
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Agreed Citations

The Board reviewed the following summary list of agreed citations for multiple practitioners. Mr. Custer advised that three (3) 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					LAPSED LICENSE VIOLATIONS			
NAME	PROF	LIC #	HRS DEFICIENT	CIVIL PENALTY	NAME	PROF	LIC #	CIVIL PENALTY
Sharron Trice	SLPA	383	10	\$100.00	David Wark	AUD	2	\$1,600.00
Tamara Buchanan	SLP	4326	10	\$100.00				
Stacy McLemore	SLP	2845	2.5	\$100.00				

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

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

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

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

Review Continuing Education

Mr. Custer presented to the Board additional information for the continuing education audit for **Scott Indermuehle, SLP**. Mr. Indermuehle had submitted additional documentation in response to the Board's previous denial of the CE documentation from 2014, as it is unrelated to the practice of speech pathology. After review, the Board stated that, while the submitted CE is great tool for use with the practice of Speech Pathology, it is not SLP-related. Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to deny the CE that was submitted. The motion carried.

Correspondence/Rules/Policies

Ms. Custer presented a letter from Dr. Golding-Kushner, as well as a letter from the Steele family. These letters are in regards to specialized Speech therapy being requested by the Steele family of Dr. Golding-Kushner, and the contradiction between the Board's Tele-practice rule and the Tennessee statute governing Tele-health. The Board entertained comments from Ben Simpson, with the Commissioner's office; John Williams, representing TAASLP; and John & Monty Steele.

After discussion and comments were completed, Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to hold a rulemaking hearing to change the rule language to be in line with the statute.

Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to adopt a policy regarding the 30-day temporary license referenced in Rule 1370-01-.03(5)(d-e-f). The new policy establishes a

definition of 1 day, which will be any point of contact between therapist and patient. The motion carried.

New Business

Mr. Custer reminded the Board of the next meeting, scheduled for August 9, 2016.

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on August 9, 2016