

## TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

**DATE:** May 5, 2015

**TIME:** 10:00 A.M., CST

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lynne Harmon, M.A., CCC-SLP, Chair, Speech Pathologist  
Terri Flynn, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist  
Mary Velvet Buehler, M.A., CCC-SLP/A, Audiologist  
Julie A Crosby-Davis, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist  
Valeria Matlock, Ed.D, Audiologist, Audiologist  
Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist

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

Ms. Harmon, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

### Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 9, 2014 meeting. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 10, 2015 meeting. Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

### OGC Report

Ms. Lanford advised the Board that she would turn the podium over to Ben Simpson, from the Office of Legislative Affairs. Mr. Simpson spoke to the Board regarding several issues:

- Proposed Senate Bill 0167, which would exempt audiologists and speech pathologists from the Professional Privilege Tax, did not pass.
- Proposed Senate Bill 98 would allow immediate electronic access to health records, in the event of a public health outbreak.
- Proposed Senate Bill 99 would define abuse and neglect.
- Proposed Senate Bill 467 would allow a Government Operations Committee to hold Board rules for up to seventy-five (75) days for review; and would allow the Committee to override the Board vote on a rule deemed unnecessary.
- Proposed Senate Bill 892 would allow for legal discovery during a medical malpractice lawsuit, as opposed to a subpoena.

Ms. Lanford resumed with the OGC Report. There are currently two (2) open cases in OGC, one of which is being presented today as an Agreed Order. There are no cases that have been appealed to the Chancery Court. There are no consent orders, and one (1) agreed order to be presented.

Ms. Lanford presented an Agreed Order for Charla Douglas, Speech Pathologist. Ms. Douglas was found to be in violation of Board rules for falsifying records, by billing for services not rendered. The discipline outlined is license revocation, and a civil penalty of \$4500, plus costs. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to accept the Agreed Order as presented. The motion carried.

Ms. Lanford advised the Board that a roll call vote is needed to provide final approval on the rulemaking hearing conducted by the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists on June 26, 2014. This rulemaking hearing was held to delete the language allowing an exam fee, due to the fact that the national organization has now converted to a computerized test, and we are no longer proctoring that exam. A roll call vote was conducted, with all Board members in attendance giving approval. The vote passed.

**Investigative Report**

There are currently three (3) open complaints against speech pathologists, and two (2) open complaints against audiologists.

**Monitored Practitioners**

All currently monitored practitioners are in compliance.

**Financial Report**

Lisa Tittle, from the financial office provided the financial report, advising the Board of the projected finances for the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2015.

**Administrative Report**

Mr. Custer provided the administrative report. As of April 30, 2015, there are 387 licensed audiologists, 2429 licensed speech pathologists and 109 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between February 4, 2015 and April 30, 2015, a total of 34 Audiologists have renewed their licenses, with 17 of those renewing online. For the same time period, a total of 227 Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses, with 151 of those renewing online.

Mr. Custer advised the Board that, due to the new licensing database, the lead time for online renewals has now been changed from 120 days to 70 days prior to the expiration date.

Mr. Custer presented a draft letter to be sent out to all current licensees, registrants, and applications in process regarding rules, as well as Clinical Fellowships. Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to approve the letter as presented. The motion carried.

Mr. Custer presented a draft letter to be sent out to Tennessee universities regarding Clinical Fellowships and Audiology Externships. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to approve the letter as presented. The motion carried.

**Newly Licensed**

Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Speech Pathologists and Audiologists, as well as newly registered SLPAs. The motion carried.

- **SPEECH**

Adams Linika S	4865	Giannini Katrina	5524	Perry Pamela A.	4766
Babcock Kelley K	4978	Godsey Amanda K	5222	Quinius Lauren Elizabeth	5516
Ben-Aharon Avivit Fox	5494	Grear Stephanie Nicole	5523	Reid Margo Christine	5522
Bishop Briana M	5302	Gregory Aaron N	5325	Rowe Kristy M	5219
Bradley Anna Marie	4102	Greve Morgan Elizabeth	5533	Ruffner Sara Elizabeth	5554
Breedwell Brooke N	5263	Holland Katie Rose	5540	Sommer Jane Elizabeth	5397
Chaudoin Jay Randall	5510	Kegley Megan Greear	5495	Stewart Stacey D	3341
Chisholm Victoria Blevins	5535	Larson Patricia Lorraine	5534	Stojsavlevich Kelly E	5068
Cliff Starr	5525	Leake Carla Jeane	2158	Story Kelly R	5504
Cunningham Rachel	5526	Lewis Kelli S	5553	Taylor April Dawn	2337
Debord Ralene S.	5542	Manning Amber C.Z.	5119	Taylor Sarah C	5308

Dible Beth Ann	5538	Mcdonnell Katherine Joan	5541	Terry Jennifer B	5184
Diestelkamp Rochelle Denise	5514	Mclemore Katie P	5143	Tolley Laura A	5029
Dye Rachel E	5310	Mcmillan Sherne-Marie Shaloam	5537	Tureaud Lauren Ashley	5513
Edgerley Tricia Kathleen	5536	Mickle Alicen Brynne	5530	Watkins Amy N	5307
Forrest Caitlin E	5236	Morris Natalie Marie	5492	Webster Jennifer C	4839
Fowler Denise D	5505	Munoz Stephanie Charpentier	5545	Williams Maggie E	5241
Frank Mary K	5250	Palmer Robert T	5192	Wilson Lindsay M	5226
Gentile Natalie J	5048	Palombo Dana B	5007		

- AUDIOLOGY

Gustafson Samantha Jordan	1736	Lubsen Tina Lynne	1728	Robinson Sarah Marie	1724
Harris Elizabeth Ann	1732	Mcdermott Ashley Elizabeth	1729	Stephens Brandy A	1723
Jarosz Elsa	1727	Parrish Heather K	1739	Walden Kristina Keller	1731
Light Keri Coulthard	1734				

- SLPA

Gale Kara Jean	449	Robbins Fern T	459
Mccullough Caroline	452	Weatherford Chelsea	454
Lambert Kimberly Angel	461	Hadley Kathryn A	462

### Reinstatements

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

- SPEECH:

Gardner Allison Scarboro	2106	Richards Kaley Brooke	4572
Hampton Heather Renee	4438	Roof Tara Monte	2958
Hobbs Gabrielle A	4118	Sheppard Vickie Dianne	2197
Jackson Jennifer Jacobs	1506	Willis Diana Lynn	1979
Lankford Deborah J	1221		

- AUDIOLOGY:

Howell Nancy H.	1025	Miller Vickie B	270
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### Review Licensure Files

The Board reviewed the licensure file for **Laura Tolley**, Speech Pathology applicant. Ms. Tolley had previously been issued a CFY registration, which expired in September 2014. Ms. Tolley continued to work on an expired CFY registration until April 6, 2015, when she was made aware that she should not be working. Mr. Custer advised the Board that, as Ms. Tolley had met all requirements for full licensure, he approved the license. After discussion, and reviewing past precedent, Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to issue a Consent Order, with a civil penalty of \$300, which is \$50 per month worked after the CFY expired. Ms. Tolley would have thirty (30) days to sign the order and make the payment to be in compliance. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the application for Stacy Miranda, Audiology applicant. Mr. Custer advised the Board that Ms. Miranda had previously been licensed in Tennessee as a Masters Level audiologist, until her license expired. Ms.

Miranda is no longer ASHA certified, so she is reapplying by the Criteria method, but does not have hard copies of all of the required documentation, due to Hurricane Katrina. After review, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the application, as a letter from ASHA indicated that all requirements had previously been met. The motion carried.

#### **Agreed Citations**

The Board reviewed an agreed citation for Tara Roof. Ms. Roof had reinstated her license, but had been found to have worked two (2) months in excess of the Lapsed License Policy. Ms. Roof was issued an agreed citation, with a civil penalty of \$200, which is \$100 per month worked over the policy. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to approve the agreed citation as presented. The motion carried.

#### **Adjournment**

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. The motion carried.

*Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on August 11, 2015*