

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana Board of Examiners for
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology**

May 31, 2012

Attending:

**Glenn Waguespack, L-AUD, Chairperson
Verlencia Millet, L-SLP, Vice Chairperson
Kerrilyn Phillips, L- SLP, Secretary/Treasurer
Dawn Richard, L-SLP, Board Member
Laura Gresham, Public Member**

Absent:

**Jimmy J. Guillory, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member
Stanley Peters, M.D., Medical Advisor**

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Waguespack at 9:00 a.m. in the Oaklawn Room of the Hilton Lafayette located at 1521 West Pinhook Road, Lafayette, Louisiana. Kerrilyn Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer, conducted a roll call. Emily Efferson, Administrator, and Terry L. Martin, Administrative Assistant, were present for the meeting.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to adopt the Agenda as presented.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the meeting held April 13, 2012 as presented.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES:

- A. Letter to Ayn Stehr regarding changes to Practice Act and Rules
Glenn Waguespack informed the board that he wrote a detailed letter to Ayn Stehr regarding the potential changes to the law and rules. Ayn Stehr will review the letter in June.
- B. Update on LBESPA 2012 Annual Conference
Members of the board were provided a breakdown of the expenses for the workshop. There was a net loss of \$3,850.00 to provide the workshop. 64 people participated in the conference. The board members were also provided a summary of the evaluations completed by the attendees.
- C. LBESPA 2013 Annual Conference
The 2013 Annual LBESPA CE Workshop will be held at the Crowne Plaza on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Board members discussed different topics for the 2013 LBESPA Continuing Education Workshop. Board members will contact speakers to request presentations.

D. Annual Renewals and Audits

Board members were provided with a report showing that as of May 30, 2012, 720 licenses renewed online and 120 renewed in office, totaling 854 licenses. Verlencia Millet advised that she completed 13 continuing education audits.

E. Newspaper Ad for Better Hearing and Speech Month Update

Members of the board were provided with a copy of the ad that ran in *The Advocate*, *The Times*, *The Times Picayune*, and *Baton Rouge Parents Magazine* in May.

F. Behavior Analysts Licensure and Regulation Study Commission

The Board appointed Dawn Richard to represent LBESPA for the Behavior Analysts Licensure and Regulation Study Commission. The Behavior Analysts Licensure and Regulation Study Commission has been established to study the need for licensure and regulation of behavior analysts.

G. Update on Legislation with impact on Board

Emily Efferson provided the Board with an update on legislation with impact on the Board.

HB 295 – Signed by the President (05/29/12)

Summary: **EMPLOYMENT**: Prohibits disqualification or ineligibility to practice a licensed trade or profession solely because of a prior criminal record, unless a conviction directly relates to the position sought. Proposed law retains present law except deletes the reference to conviction of a felony.

HB 329 – No recent update; in Committee as of 03/12/12

Summary: **PUBLIC CONTRACTS**: Requires recipients of public contracts to make available the names and amounts paid to individuals for hourly services. Proposed law requires the contractor to retain such information for no less than three years after completion of the contract. It also prohibits the public entity from signing or renewing a contract that does not contain a sworn affidavit that the contractor will retain the information and make available as required by law.

HB 580 – Assigned to Senate & Governmental Affairs; scheduled to be heard 05/30/12

Summary: **PUBLIC MEETINGS**: Provides for the posting of the notice of a meeting of a public body on the official website of the public body.

HB 732 – Sent to Governor

Summary: **MILITARY AFFAIRS**: Provides for licensure of individuals with military training and their spouses.

HB 949 – Involuntarily deferred in House & Governmental Affairs; probably will not be considered this session (04/18/12)

Summary: **PUBLIC MEETINGS**: Provides relative to meetings of public bodies relative to public comments.

SB 333 – Assigned to Senate Finance (03/12/12)

Summary: **STATE AGENCIES**: Requires state agencies to provide electronic access to licenses and permits issued by the agency. (8/1/12)

SB 422 – Pending Senate concurrence (05/29/12)

Summary: **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE:** Provides relative to legislative review of emergency rules or fees. (gov sig) The emergency rule shall include specific reasons why the failure to adopt the rule on an emergency basis would result in imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare.

HB 1143 – Sent to Governor 05/24/12; this was not with information of bills with potential to affect board previously forwarded by Ayn Stehr; current text attached

Abstract: Expressly provides that a meeting agenda cannot be changed less than 24 hours prior to the meeting; requires each item on the agenda to be listed separately and described with reasonable specificity; and provides that before the public body may take any action on an item, the presiding officer or his designee shall read aloud the description of the item.

COMPLIANCE HEARING-Brandy Townsend

Brandy Townsend requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's denial of her reinstatement of her speech-language pathology license. The board denied the reinstatement of her speech-language pathology license because Ms. Townsend continued to work after her license lapsed on June 30, 2011. Marty Broussard, Attorney at Law, accompanied Ms. Townsend for the compliance hearing. Ms. Townsend testified that in the summer of 2010 she had cancer treatment and that her husband, who is disabled, took over the financial responsibilities for the family. She advised the Board she took medical leave March 2010 and tried to return to work August 2010, but was unsuccessful due to her medical condition. She stated that she returned back to work January 2011. She advised that her supervisor requested a copy of her license in March 2012 and that is when she realized her license was lapsed. Ms. Townsend stated that she continued to practice until May 2012, although she was aware that her license had lapsed and chose not to make her supervisor aware of the issue. She informed the Board that for 27 years, prior to her treatment, she renewed her license every year. She concluded by requesting that the Board issue her a license so that she can return to practice in August 2012.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Dawn Richard and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting, and

for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or any other matter now provided for or as may be provided for by the legislature.

Votes for going in to Executive Session: Verlencia Millet, yes; Dawn Richard, yes; Laura Gresham, yes; and Kerrilyn Phillips, yes.

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:23 a.m. to take the following actions:

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to approve Brandy Townsend's application for a speech-language pathology license contingent upon a Consent Agreement and Order for working with a lapsed license. The Consent Agreement and Order will include

the following stipulations: Within (90) days of the date the Ms. Townsend signs the Consent Agreement and Order, Ms. Townsend will have to pass the Open book examination, pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00, complete a one thousand (1000) word essay on the importance of licensure and its impact on consumers and employers. Ms. Townsend will also have to pay a delinquent renewal fee in the amount of \$260.00, submit documentation of ten (10) hours of continuing education obtained between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, publication by LBESPA, notification to Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools, Inc. (SPALS), Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA), Department of Education, as well as notification to current employer upon finalization of this order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no members of the public present to make a comment.

FINANCIAL:

- A. Financial Statement for the Month Ending February 29, 2012
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ending February 29, 2012.
- B. Financial Statement for the Month Ending March 31, 2012
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ending March 31, 2012.

CONFERENCES:

NCSB:

- A. Election Ballot
Motion was made by Dawn Richard, seconded by Kerrilyn Philips and unanimously carried, to nominate Sherry Sancibrian for the President Elect Position, and Larry Molt, Kerrilyn Phillips, and Nahale Kalfas for the Board of Directors for the National Council of State Boards (NCSB).
- B. 25th Annual Conference
The Board discussed topics for the 25th Annual Conference to be held October 11-13, 2012 in Williamsburg, VA.

LSHA:

Board's Presentation at Annual Conference
Board members Glenn Waguespack and Kerrilyn Phillips discussed the topics of the PowerPoint presentation for the LSHA Convention.

FARB:

20th Annual Attorney Certification Seminar in Professional Regulatory Law October 5 – 7, 2012 in Atlantic Beach, FL
Motion was made by Dawn Richard, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to send Ayn Stehr to the 20th Annual Attorney Certification Seminar in Professional Regulatory Law. The Board requested that if Ms. Stehr attends, that she bring information on the topics of unlicensed practice, the Model Consent Agreement and Order, and liability of boards and board members.

CLEAR:

Annual conference September 6 -8, 2012 in San Francisco, CA

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to send Emily Efferson, Dawn Richard and Terry Martin to the annual conference.

SPALS:

Sponsorship request for 20th Annual Conference for 2012

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to sponsor the 20th Annual Conference for 2012 by paying \$3,000.00 towards the cost of a presenter.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 1:48 p.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting, and

for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or any other matter now provided for or as may be provided for by the legislature.

Votes for going in to Executive Session: Verlencia Millet, yes; Dawn Richard, yes; Laura Gresham, yes; and Kerrilyn Phillips, yes.

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Dawn Richard and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:56 p.m. to take the following actions:

A. Update/Counter Offer on Complaint# 2011-07

Motion was made by Dawn Richard and seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to offer the respondent named in Complaint #2011-07 a counter-offer of the previous Consent Agreement and Order to include the following stipulations: Within ninety (90) days of the date all parties signs the Consent Agreement and Order, the Applicant will have to pass the Open book examination including part ii, pay a fine in the amount of \$8,000 and cost of investigation in the amount of \$1,050.33 within two (2) years. Quarterly payments are required with the first payment due within ninety (90) days from the date all parties sign the Consent Agreement and Order. The Respondent license shall be suspended for twelve (12) months and shall terminate with all clients and cease and her practice of Audiology effective from the date she signs the Consent Agreement and Order, publication by LBESPA, notification to Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools, Inc. (SPALS), Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA), Department of Education, AAA, and as well as notification to current employer upon finalization of this order.

B. Review of Applications

Motion was made by Dawn Richard, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Full or Provisional Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology licenses:**

Stander, Meghan	6637	L-SLP	Woodall, Ginger	6638	L-SLP
Rosson, Emily	6639	L-SLP	Underwood, Stacy	6640	L-SLP
Hitch, Kelly F.	6641	L-SLP	Slaugheter, Lindsey	6642	L-SLP
Legere, Leah	6643	L-SLP	Johnson, Lauren E.	6644	PL-SLP
Rippy, Jessica	6647	Aud	Barnes, Kimberly	6648	PL-SLP
Zeringue, Christie L.	6649	PL-SLP	Moore Meg	6650	PL-SLP
Allemand, Ashley N.	6653	PL-SLP	Bacque, Angela	6654	PL-SLP
Welch, Julie C.	6655	PL-SLP	Hopper, Katherine	6656	PL-SLP
LaFleur, Sara F.	6657	PL-SLP	Blanchard, Amanda	6658	PL-SLP
Zaunbrecher, Kala	6659	PL-SLP	Faircloth, Teela L.	6660	PL-SLP
Castille, Arianne	6661	PL-SLP	Olivier, Jennifer	6662	PL-SLP
Gerard, Christine	6663	PL-SLP	McIntosh, Heather	6664	PL-SLP
Johnson, Brittany	6665	PL-SLP	Fontenot, Allison K.	6666	PL-SLP
Faulk, Ashley	6667	PL-SLP	Dilday, Mary Elizabeth	6668	PL-SLP
Mabry, Holly	6669	PL-SLP	Picou, Elizabeth	6670	PL-SLP
Leblanc, Kayla	6671	PL-SLP	Catalano, Amy	6672	PL-SLP
Reese, Meghan	6673	PL-SLP	Roy, Tara D.	5374	L-SLP
Daniels, Sylvia Calhoun	6054	L-SLP	Brown, Stacie	6216	PL-SLP
Knight, Crystal D.	6337	L-SLP			

Motion was made by Dawn Richard, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for a **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant or Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant** licenses:

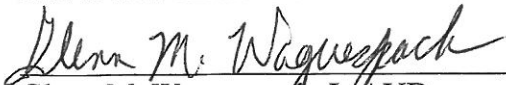
Hatfield, Ashley N.	6645	PL-SLP Asst	Harry, Jarvis Ramon	6646	PL-SLP Asst
Malaki, Kristen Joy	6651	PL-SLP Asst	Brignac, Rachel A.	6652	SLP Asst

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Dawn Richard and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:

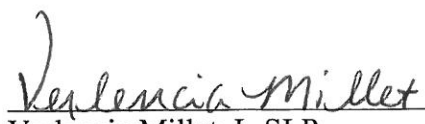
Gravois, Leah	6558	SLP Asst	Johnson, Gena L.	6499	SLP Asst
Bourgeois, Kelly	6612	SLP Asst	Foster, Shelley L.	6207	L-SLP
Harding, Meghan	6519	L-SLP	Seymour, Heather A.	6125	L-SLP
Nicholls, Heather Ruth	6459	L-SLP	Voiselle, Magen Brooke	6493	L-SLP
Meyer, Lindsay	6457	L-SLP	Hebert, Jennifer	6455	L-SLP
Leonard, Megan M.	6507	L-SLP	Martin, Ruth Nico	6501	L-SLP
Perry, Blaire Boutte	6520	L-SLP	Favret, Claudia K.	6502	L-SLP
Guillory, Erin	6481	L-SLP	Templin, Megan E.	6566	L-SLP
Dugas, Heather G.	5829	L-SLP	Parejo, Kathryn E.	6441	L-SLP
Cutrer, Denise	6535	L-SLP	Schambaugh, Heather H.	6490	L-SLP
Farmer, Kara L.	6418	L-SLP	Triplett, Meaghan	6430	SLP Asst
Klibert, Jenna M.	6124	L-SLP	White, Katherine Jane	6463	L-SLP

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Glenn M. Waguespack, L/AUD
Chairperson



Verlencia Millet, L-SLP
Vice-Chairperson