

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

October 18, 2019

Attending:

**Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Chairperson
Erica A. Chatelain, L-SLP, Vice Chairperson
Deanna B. Hardy, Public Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Leigh Anne Baker, L-SLP, Board Member
Annette E. Hurley, L-AUD, Board Member
Lucie LeDoux, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member**

Absent:

Jerrilyn Frasier, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Waguespack at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Board office located at 37283 Swamp Road, Suite 3B, Prairieville, Louisiana. Jolie Jones, Executive Director and Tracy Jeanmarie, Administrative Assistant, were present for the entirety of the meeting. Ayn Stehr, the Board's Legal Counsel, was present for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Glenn Waguespack, Board Chairperson, welcomed Leigh Anne Baker as the Board's newest member.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dr. Lauren Ryan appeared at the meeting to discuss the correspondence she submitted on the Agenda relating to billing Medicaid in a school setting for audiology.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to adopt the Agenda as amended to add "3.b. VW" under "Review of Applications in Executive Session", add "5. Email dated October 17, 2019 from Michelle Scott" under "Correspondence", remove "4. Email dated October 16, 2019, from Jeannine Alleman, requesting guidance" under "Correspondence", add "4. Executive Director Evaluation" under "Executive Session", and add "13. Disciplinary Actions on website" under "Administrative Review".

MINUTES:

1. **Motion** was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to adopt the minutes of the meeting held August 2, 2019, as presented.

FINANCIALS:

1. **Financial Statements for the months ended June 30, 2019 – July 31, 2019**
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statements prepared by Champagne & Company, for the months ended June 30, 2019 – July 31, 2019.

2. **Emergency Preparedness Plan**

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Lucie LeDoux and unanimously carried, to contract with Gallagher Bassett for \$700 to develop an emergency preparedness plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. **Executive Director Update**

Jolie Jones provided board members with an update that she attended a training for Office of Group Benefits on September 12th and a training for LASERS on September 25th, and informed the Board that she recently changed the Board's telephone/internet provider.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to create a new policy to require all applications to be submitted online only, with the exception of renewal applications for individuals requiring supervision, as of January 1, 2020.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to withdraw the contract offer for Ashley Cage Jones and to request a refund from FARB for her registration at the CLEAR Investigator's Training in December 2019, for failure to comply with the timelines stipulated to begin the contract.

Jolie Jones discussed a proposal that Covalent Logic is working on to incorporate supervision into the Board's content management system. Annette Hurley recommended that Mrs. Jones also research Calypso to see if it could be integrated into the system as opposed to building a custom model.

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to approve reimbursement for Jolie Jones' actual mileage expenses for travel to the NCSB Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in September 2019.

2. **LBESPA Processing**

The Board reviewed data for the period of July 30, 2019 – October 9, 2019. The summary is as follows:

- Initial applications – 70
- Upgrade requests – 5
- Applications approved - 70
- Applications denied - 1

- Upgrades approved - 7
- Board member requests for additional information – 1
- Online renewals – 20
- Renewals in the board office – 40
- Complaints received – 2
- National Data Bank queries – 33

3. Board Meeting Dates for 2020

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to schedule the 2020 Board meeting dates as follows: February 14, April 3, May 15, July 31, October 2, and December 4 (New Orleans). All board meetings are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. at the board office in Prairieville, except as noted. If reappointed, Deanna Hardy will be unable to attend the April and October meetings, and Jerrilyn Frasier will be unable to attend the April meeting, due to scheduling conflicts.

4. Update on Annual School Report

Jolie Jones provided board members with an update on the Annual School Report. 22 of the 64 parishes have not yet responded. Board staff will continue to reach out to request responses.

5. Plans for December Meeting

Board members discussed plans for the December meeting.

6. Position Statement on the Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Lucie LeDoux and unanimously carried, to develop a position statement on the Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Erica Chatelain and Daphne Washington previously prepared a document for this purpose. Erica Chatelain, Lucie LeDoux, and Leigh Anne Baker will form a committee to thoroughly review and/or edit the position statement and bring it back for the Board to review at the December meeting.

7. Presentations

Annette Hurley gave the requested Board presentation at the Louisiana Academy of Audiology (LAA) Conference in New Orleans, as well as at the SPALS Convention. Both presentations went well and were well received.

Rena Colwick requested that Glenn Waguespack give a presentation for Caddo Parish Schools in April 2020, which he and the Board have agreed to.

8. Rules Discussion for Public Hearing

The Board discussed the upcoming public rules hearing to be held on Monday, October 28, 2019 in Shreveport.

9. Telehealth Equivalency

Jolie Jones informed the Board that she has received two applications for telehealth registration. Because of the minimal level of interest, applicants are being asked to provide information on the Board's requirements for licensure in their home state and the requirements will be reviewed and equivalency determined at the time each application is reviewed.

10. Open Book Examination

Annette Hurley and Glenn Waguespack will work on the open book examination revisions for the Practice Act section. Their recommendations will be discussed at the December meeting.

11. Proposed Legislative Changes

To the Board's knowledge, the Louisiana Academy of Audiology (LAA) is planning to pursue legislative changes this year related to cerumen management and physician referral for vestibular testing. Board members reviewed a list of possible revisions to the Practice Act. Fred Mills may be willing to carry these legislative changes.

12. Licensure Compact

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Lucie LeDoux and unanimously carried, to support and participate in the Council on State Government interstate licensure compact and move forward with legislation. Senator Barrow Peacock is usually interested in licensure compacts and may be willing to carry the legislation.

13. Disciplinary Actions on Website

Annette Hurley inquired why the entire disciplinary document is included on the Board's website, instead of a summary of the Board's actions. Jolie Jones explained that when the decision to publish was made in 2007, the Board felt that it was better to provide the entire document as opposed to a summary because that is subject to interpretation, as well as legal scrutiny. The documents are posted to the website as a consumer protection measure.

HEARING PREPARATION BY AYN STEHR

The Board's Legal Counsel, Ayn Stehr, prepared the Board for the upcoming disciplinary hearings by discussing the disciplinary process, as well as the laws that give LBESPA the authority to hold these types of proceedings. Ms. Stehr also discussed the nature of administrative proceedings, licensee rights, and the board members' role in this process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 2:00 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 into Executive Session: Erica Chatelain, yes; Deanna Hardy, yes; Lucie LeDoux, yes; Annette Hurley, yes; Leigh Anne Baker, yes.

1. Review of Pending Complaints/Cases

a. 2019-13

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Lucie LeDoux and unanimously carried, to approve supervision, with the exception of the month of October.

b. 2019-17

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Lucie LeDoux and unanimously carried, to offer a Consent Agreement and Order for fraudulent billing and failure to maintain adequate records, based on the board member consultant's recommendation, to include: open book exam, \$2,000.00 fine, reimbursement of investigation costs, 3 hours of continuing education in the area of ethics and 7 hours in the area of billing, in addition to the hours required for renewal, public reprimand, as well as notification to ASHA, LSHA, and NPDB.

c. 2020-01

Motion was made by Lucie LeDoux, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to send a letter to the physicians asking them to remove Respondent's name as the Audiologist on their website, as he is unlicensed and this a consumer protection concern.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to set this matter for disciplinary hearing. Possible dates are January 18 and February 15, 2020.

2. Review of New Complaints/Cases

a. Complaint #2020-06

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to accept the complaint and assign to Erica Chatelain as the board member consultant.

b. Complaint #2020-08

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Lucie LeDoux and

unanimously carried, to not accept complaint #2020-08, based on the recommendation of legal counsel.

3. Review of Applications

a. TP

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to issue TP’s Audiology license.

b. VW

The Board discussed an application for licensure which was submitted by VW. After finding out that a criminal background check was required for the licensure application, this individual instead withdrew her licensure application and submitted a telehealth application. In the future, the Board will consider adding a criminal background check requirement for telehealth registration.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Full or Provisional Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology licenses**:

Last Name	First Name	License No.	Type	Last Name	First Name	License No.	Type
Ackers	Gloria	8459	L-AUD	Legan	Macy	8455	L-SLP
Aiello	Lauren	8474	PL-SLP	Lopez	Leslie	8456	L-SLP
Anderson	Victoria	8454	PL-SLP	Maloney	Chantal	8466	PL-SLP
Baggett	Juliann	8473	L-SLP	Mcafee	Rebecca	8480	L-SLP
Burleigh	Elizabeth	8460	PL-SLP	Medina	Jennifer	8487	L-SLP
Calvo	Hayley	8481	L-SLP	Morgan	Amy	8486	PL-SLP
Castilla	Kristin	8158	L-SLP	Parker	Heidi	8445	PL-SLP
Cowart	Helen	8463	PL-SLP	Phillips	Larresa	8129	L-SLP
Cupstid	Laquita	8485	L-SLP	Powell	Tysha	8490	L-AUD
Desselle	Kaitlin	8461	PL-SLP	Pruitt	April	8476	PL-SLP
Dyess	Jamie	8447	PL-SLP	Reeve	Allison	8439	PL-SLP
Fahey	Kathleen	8468	L-SLP	Rostetter	Abigail	8450	PL-SLP
Fallon	Brooke	8477	L-AUD	Roulakis	Ereeni	8484	PL-SLP
Foley	Lauren	8483	L-AUD	Semien	Jada	8469	PL-SLP
Fontana	Pauline	8441	L-SLP	Spaedt	John	8448	L-SLP
Genovese	Aiden	8452	PL-SLP	Spears	Aleishia	8479	PL-SLP
Gillen	Allie	8458	PL-SLP	Spustek	Madeline	8449	PL-SLP
Green	Meghan	8453	PL-SLP	Stinson	Jillian	8470	L-SLP
Hanzo	Victoria	8478	PL-SLP	Thomason	Brittany	8482	L-SLP
Henderson	Kiana	8465	PL-SLP	Tregre	Brianna	8467	L-SLP
Horne	Linda Claire	8471	PL-SLP	Walther	Logan	8182	L-SLP
Johnson	Laticia	8489	PL-SLP	Washington	Keshla	6779	PL-SLP
Kerrigan	Angela	8472	L-SLP	Wesley	Lynette	8488	L-SLP
Landrum	Baileigh	8438	PL-SLP	Williams	Evian	8446	PL-SLP

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Lucie LeDoux and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant** licenses:

Last Name	First Name	License No.	Type
Hunsicker	Laken	8462	Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
Mccray-King	Breannaka	7731	Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
Messina	Morgan	8464	Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
Sharpe	Rachel	8451	Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
Smith	Chastity	7242	Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
Weaver	Miranda	8475	Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Motion was made by Lucie LeDoux, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:

Last Name	First Name	License No.	Type	Last Name	First Name	License No.	Type
Jalbert	Ryan	8226	L-SLP	Pagan	Camille	8170	L-SLP
Macdonald	Mary	8183	L-SLP	Tomboli	Lauren	8259	L-SLP
Munson	Robyn	7272	L-SLP				

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

Last Name	First Name	License No.	Type	Last Name	First Name	License No.	Type
Adams	Marquita	7480	Speech-Language Pathology Assistant	Haskin	April	8291	L-SLP
Albin	Brooklyn	6095	L-SLP	Horst	Angela	3723	L-SLP
Belue	Kimberly J	2111	L-SLP	Moseley	Adair	7292	L-SLP
Bordok	Lisa	5587	L-SLP	Richardson	Donna	5500	Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
Burklow	Alisa	6299	L-SLP	Scandaliato	Michelle	5565	L-SLP
Campbell	Sharde	6339	L-SLP	Touchet	Heather	7830	L-SLP
Catalon	Brooke	8050	L-SLP	Tullos	Amber	6253	L-SLP
Elliot	Gwendolyn	679	L-SLP	Waters	Adam	7965	L-AUD
Englehardt	Kelly	5466	L-SLP	Whittington	Alicia	6627	L-SLP
Fisher	Renee	5203	L-SLP				

4. Executive Director Evaluation

The Board's Executive Director's annual performance evaluation is approaching.

Erica Chatelain will work with LBEDN's Vice Chair to prepare this year's evaluation.

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Lucie LeDoux and unanimously carried, to come out of executive session at 3:25 p.m.

CONFERENCES:

Council on State Government (CSG)

1. Report from Compact Summit in Washington, DC

Glenn Waguespack provided a report to the Board from his attendance at the CSG Compact Summit in Washington, DC.

National Council of State Boards of Examiners (NCSB)

1. Report from the NCSB Conference, September 27-28, 2019

Annette Hurley provided an oral and written report from the NCSB Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB)

1. 44th Annual FARB Forum, January 23-26, 2020, Colorado Springs, CO

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Lucie LeDoux and unanimously carried, to send Erica Chatelain to the FARB Forum to be held January 23-26, 2020 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and pay related expenses.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email dated September 20, 2019, from Michelle Fuster, requesting a refund of her application fee

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Lucie LeDoux and carried, to deny refund of the application fee requested. Opposed – Annette Hurley.

2. Email dated September 25, 2019, from Lauren Ryan, regarding Audiologists billing Medicaid in a school setting

Dr. Lauren Ryan appeared at the Board's meeting to discuss the correspondence submitted. Although billing is not in the Board's jurisdiction, board members provided guidance to assist Dr. Ryan with her questions.

3. Email dated October 15, 2019, from Donna Guidry, requesting clarification regarding supervision requirements

Board members reviewed an email from Donna Guidry requesting clarification regarding Speech-Language Pathology Assistant supervision. Glenn Waguespack will write a letter to the presenter and Monika Marcel of SPALS to ensure the proper information is being provided.

4. Email dated October 15, 2019, from Jeannine Alleman, requesting guidance

This item was removed from the Agenda at the submitter's request, as the situation has been remedied.

5. Email dated October 17, 2019, from Michelle Scott, inquiring about Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

The Board reviewed Ms. Scott's inquiries and indicated that SLP Assistants can own their own business, but an SLP supervisor is a must. Speech-Language Pathology Assistants cannot have their own NPI number or bill. It is recommended that Ms. Scott contact ASHA directly to inquire about Assistant certification, as this is separate from the Board.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Glenn M. Waguespack, MS, L-AUD, CCC-A
Chairperson



Deanna Hardy, Public Board Member
Secretary/Treasurer