

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

June 2, 2017

Attending:

**Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Chairperson
Daphne Washington, L-SLP, Vice Chairperson
Tammy Crawford, L-SLP, Secretary/Treasurer
Deanna Hardy, Public Member
Theresa H. Rodgers, L-SLP, Board Member
Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD/H.A. Dispensing, Board Member
Alexander B. G. Sevy, M.D., Medical Advisor**

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Harris at 8:40 a.m. in the conference room at the board office located at 37283 Swamp Road, Suite 3B, Prairieville, Louisiana. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, was present for the entirety of the meeting. Ayn Stehr, the board's legal counsel was present for a portion of the meeting.

Stephen Harris, Board Chairperson, welcomed Dr. Alexander Sevy as the newest member of the board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was present to provide public comment.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as amended to add "7. Medically Involved Practitioner" to Administrative Review.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 28, 2017, as presented.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 29, 2017, as presented.

FINANCIALS:

1. Financial Statement for the period ended February 28, 2017

Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statements prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ended February 28, 2017.

2. **Amend 2016-2017 Professional Contract for Ayn Stehr, Attorney At Law**
Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to amend the 2016-2017 professional contract for Ayn Stehr, Attorney At Law, to add \$15,000, based on anticipated board hearings.
3. **Purchase of Computer Equipment**
Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to purchase a tiny workstation computer up to \$1,000.00 as a secure server for transferring files.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 8:53 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 into Executive Session: Glenn Waguespack, yes; Daphne Washington, yes; Tammy Crawford, yes; Theresa Rodgers, yes; Deanna Hardy, yes.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 9:35 a.m. to take the following actions:

1. Review of Pending Complaints/Cases

a. Complaint #2016-02

The Board reviewed ASHA's Final Decision regarding Complaint #2016-02.

b. Case #2016-09

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to release respondent from Case #2016-09.

c. Complaint #2017-07

Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to offer a Consent Agreement and Order to include the following:

1. 5 year suspension;
2. For two years following the suspension, licensee may only provide Audiology services while under supervision of another Louisiana Licensed Audiologist with Hearing Aid Dispensing;
3. Successful completion of the board's open book examination;
4. \$7,500.00 fine;

5. \$737.50 for reimbursement of investigation costs in addition to reimbursement of the board's cost for an Audiology consultant during the investigation in the amount of \$900.00; and
6. The Consent Agreement and Order is a matter of public record and shall include publication by LBESPA, notification to the Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), American Academy of Audiology (AAA), Louisiana Academy of Audiology (LAA), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), Medicaid, and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

Violations include: 701. E.1., E.1.a., E.1.i., E.2., E.2.a., E.3.d., E.4.b., E.4.j. and 2662.A.3., A.4., A.5., A.6., A.8.

2. Receipt of New Complaints

a. #2017-08

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and unanimously carried, to dismiss complaint #2017-08 as the individual holds a valid license.

3. Review of Applications

a. CB

Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to accept the documentation submitted pending receipt of the transcript.

b. LJ

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to deny LJ's application for licensure.

The board will send a letter to the Texas Board of Examiners stating that LJ's application for Louisiana licensure was denied due to lack of sufficient evidence of clinical practicum coursework. The Board received a letter submitted by Karl Norman of Grambling University confirming 75 hours. However, after investigation by the Board's Executive Director, the signatory indicated that he only had proof LJ had completed 25 hours.

Board members discussed sending a letter to universities reiterating that the speech-language pathology scope of practice includes instruction, supervision, and research, and is applicable to clinical supervisors as well as those who only teach didactic coursework. The Board will discuss at a later date.

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Full or Provisional Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology licenses**:

Clayborn, Emory	7835	L-SLP	Lindsey, Michael	7837	L-SLP
Fick, Lauren	7838	PL-SLP	Bohte, Brooks	7839	L-AUD H.A. DISP

Stanley, Sara	7840	PL-SLP	Rollins, Austin	7841	PL-SLP
Landry, Chelsea	7842	PL-SLP	Callier, Chelsea	7843	PL-SLP
Lanza, Madelyn	7844	PL-SLP	Foss, Cynthia	7845	L-SLP
LeBlanc, Alyssa	7846	PL-SLP	Roy, Chloe	7847	PL-SLP
Bracey, Mariena	7848	PL-SLP	Liotta, Sierra	7850	PL-SLP
Fontenot, Skyler	7851	PL-SLP	Wilson, Sara	7852	PL-SLP
Reed, Lindsey	7853	PL-SLP	Aulds, Sarah	7854	PL-SLP
Branch, Brittany	7855	PL-SLP	Payne, JoAnne	7856	L-SLP
Dale, Kaitlin	7858	PL-SLP	Deno, Stephen	7857	L-AUD H.A. DISP
Cencer, Sabrina	7859	PL-SLP	Harris, Kylie	7860	L-AUD H.A. DISP
Lester, Kirbee	7861	PL-SLP	Shay, Kelly	7861	PL-SLP
Tucholski, Kelly	7863	PL-SLP	Landry, Kasey	7864	PL-SLP
Faucheaux, Mandy	7866	PL-SLP	Ford, Adriane	7865	L-AUD H.A. DISP
Jean-Pierre, Amanda	7849	L-AUD H.A. DISP			
Alexander, Amy	7775	PL-SLP			

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:

Huffman, Hillary	7554	L-SLP	Paxton, Lauren	7603	L-SLP
Langkopp, Justine	7709	L-SLP	Parr, Cindy	7331	L-SLP
Bazzell, Kelsey	7682	L-SLP	Burbank, Jade	7651	L-SLP
Warren, Asa	7589	L-SLP	Smith, Alice	7737	L-SLP
Talley, Hillary	7540	L-SLP	Verrett, Victoria	7628	L-SLP
Verrett, Sarah	7599	L-SLP	Larsen Erin	7598	L-SLP
Taylor, Dusti	7653	L-SLP	Davis, Alana	7463	L-SLP
Weaver, Natalie	7626	L-SLP	Carroll, Morgan	7740	L-SLP
Diamond, Liora	7661	L-SLP	Louviere, Shelbie	7712	L-SLP
Russell, Julia	7581	L-SLP	Lees, Marissa	7608	L-SLP
Dufrene, Janie	7652	L-SLP	Giampolo, Stephanie	7635	L-SLP
Muirhead, Kimberly	7609	L-SLP	Maqsood, Zainab	7596	L-SLP
Rigdon, Jody	7271	L-SLP			
Burks, Shelby	7576	SLP Assistant			

Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

Vegelis, Melanie	3805	L-SLP
Washington, Keshla	6779	SLP Assistant

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 9:35 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Ayn Stehr, Legal Counsel, provided board members with an update on several bills of interest from the 2017 Louisiana Legislative Regular Session. HB 338, the revisions to the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, has been submitted for signature by the Governor and will become effective August 1, 2017. The board will begin notifying licensees on August 1st about the vacancy on the board. Board staff will work with Steve Harris to prepare the postcards and online form for completion by August 1st.

Senate Bill 75, which addressed various Louisiana Department of Health board operations and processes, failed to pass during the 2017 Regular Session.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Suggested Procedure Change for Processing Complaints

Steven Jones of the Attorney General's office suggested a procedural change in handling complaints so that the board can ensure sufficient evidence has been sought and obtained before proceeding further with the disciplinary process. It was suggested that in the future, a board member be recused or an appropriate consultant contracted in order to formulate pertinent questions and ensure the gathering of necessary information. The consultant or recused board member would be expected to meet with the investigator to determine needed actions and interview content at the beginning of the investigatory process.

2. Executive Director Update

Jolie Jones reported that the National Practitioner Data Bank account has been renewed. The Board also received its annual property management certification. Board members asked Jolie Jones to query the National Practitioner Data Bank for experienced practitioners and give an update at the board's next meeting.

3. LBESPA Processing

Board members reviewed a report indicating that 102 initial applications and 30 upgrade requests have been received since April 24, 2017. One application and one upgrade were denied and one required additional information.

One complaint was received since April 24, 2017.

4. ASHA Free Continuing Education Regarding Use of Support Personnel

Board members reviewed an email regarding ASHA offering free continuing education hours. An eight-month Case Study series was initiated in January with "Utilizing Support Personnel to Improve Your Practice" featured as the June topic.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and unanimously carried, to no longer run ads in conjunction with Better Hearing and Speech Month in various newspapers within the state.

5. Policy Regarding Acceptable Documentation and Handling of Qualified Aliens

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to accept anything on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' list of acceptable documents that establish employment authorization, or identity and employment authorization (Document list A or B & C).

6. Rules Workdays

The Board will work on potential revisions to the *Rules and Regulations* tomorrow from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and again on August 26, 2017.

7. Medically Involved Practitioner

Tabled until next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email dated May 9, 2017 from ASHA regarding increase of the ASHA CE Provider Fee

The Board reviewed a letter from ASHA stating that the CE Provider Fee will increase next year.

2. Email dated May 23, 2017 from Cori Wright requesting a speaker for BRASLP on ethics/best practices in different settings

Theresa Rodgers agreed to present on the topic of ethics for the Baton Rouge Area Speech-Language Pathologists (BRASLP) and will be in contact with Ms. Wright regarding additional details.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT – HILA SAVOIE

Hila Savoie appeared before the board as required by Rule 113.C. for an English proficiency assessment for speakers of English as a second language. Theresa Rodgers facilitated the interview with Ms. Savoie, requesting oral and written demonstrations of proficiency.

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried to grant Hila Savoie a provisional speech-language pathology assistant license.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT – DAPHNE HARTZHEIM

Daphne Hartzheim appeared before the board in accordance with Rule 113.C. for an English proficiency assessment for speakers of English as a second language. Theresa Rodgers facilitated the interview with Ms. Hartzheim, requesting oral and written demonstrations of proficiency. During the course of the English proficiency assessment, it was learned that the applicant has been teaching in a university Communication Sciences and Disorders Department for some time. Since instruction

and teaching are included within the scope of practice, and universities are not an exempt setting, it was determined that the individual has engaged in unlicensed practice. As a result, she will be offered the following Consent Agreement and Order.

Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Deanna Hardy and carried, to offer Daphne Hartzheim a Consent Agreement and Order, stipulating that the violation consists of unlicensed practice during the provision of instruction and teaching in the field of communication disorders which is included in the speech-language pathology scope of practice. Abstained – Theresa Rodgers. The Consent Agreement and Order should include successful completion of the open book examination, \$500 fine, and notifications to employer, Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

MEETING WITH JACI RUSSO

Jaci Russo of Russo Branding met with the board to discuss the use of social media and various aspects relevant to potential utilization by the Board. Ms. Russo will submit a proposal for the board's consideration.

CONFERENCES:

Louisiana Academy of Audiology (LAA)

1. Exhibitor Request

Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to pay the \$350 exhibit fee and have an unmanned exhibit table, due to a conflict with another conference. The Board will prepare a mini Newsletter which will include updates on the Practice Act and board member vacancy process changes, and send to be distributed at the conference.

Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB)

1. 2017 FARB Regulatory Law Seminar, October 5-8, 2017, Savannah, GA
Jolie Jones informed the board members that the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition passed a motion to send her to the FARB Seminar, but there is a conflict with this board's October meeting. Board members agreed to change the October 5, 2017 board meeting to September 29, 2017, in conjunction with a hearing date previously scheduled for September 30, 2017.

Council on Licensure, Enforcement & Regulation (CLEAR)

1. CLEAR Annual Education Conference, September 13-16, 2017, Denver, CO

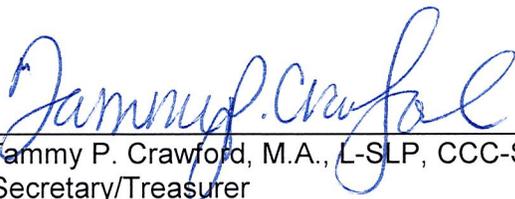
Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to renew the board's CLEAR membership.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Stephen J. Harris, MA, CCC-A, L-AUD/SLP
Chairperson



Tammy P. Crawford, M.A., L-SLP, CCC-SLP
Secretary/Treasurer