

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

June 14, 2018

Attending:

**Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Chairperson
Daphne R. Washington, L-SLP, Vice Chairperson
Deanna B. Hardy, Public Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Ramesh N. Bettagere, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member
Erica A. Chatelain, L-SLP, Board Member
Jerrilyn Frasier, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member
Annette E. Hurley, L-AUD, Board Member**

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Harris at 8:40 a.m. in the Oaklawn Room at the Doubletree Hotel located at 1521 W. Pinhook Road, Lafayette, Louisiana. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, was present for the entirety of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was present to provide public comment.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda as presented.

MINUTES:

1. **Motion** was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the meeting held April 13, 2018, as presented.

FINANCIALS:

1. **Financial Statements for the period ended February 28, 2018**
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statements prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ended February 28, 2018.
2. **Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2018**
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statements prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ended March 31, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Ramesh Bettagere, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 8:50 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.

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Ramesh Bettagere and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. to take the following actions:

1. Review of Pending Complaints/Cases

a. Complaint #2015-04

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to set this matter for disciplinary hearing for Saturday, July 28, 2018.

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to move the LBESPA board meeting from September 20 to September 28, 2018, to be held in conjunction with the public rules hearing.

b. Complaint #2016-07

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to release Respondent from the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order based upon successful completion.

c. Complaint #2017-10

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to release Respondent from the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order based upon successful completion.

d. Complaint #2018-02

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to accept the continuing education submitted as per the stipulations of the Consent Agreement and Order.

2. Review of New Complaints/Cases

a. Complaint #2018-11

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Jerrilyn Frasier and unanimously carried, to accept complaint and refer to investigation.

b. Complaint #2018-12

Motion was made by Jerrilyn Frasier, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to accept complaint and refer to investigation.

c. Complaint #2018-15

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to accept complaint and refer to investigation.

3. Review of Applications

a. LH

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to lift the conditional status of LH's Speech-Language Pathology license, based upon documentation received from the Texas Department of Licensure and Regulation, noting that the terms of their Consent Agreement and Order have been successfully completed.

b. KP

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to grant KP's Speech-Language Pathology license.

c. EW

Board members reviewed a letter from a Speech-Language Pathology supervisor noting concerns about an individual she is supervising. Board staff will send her a letter thanking her for the information; however, the Board will not take action at this time.

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

Martin, Melody	8085	L-SLP	Ricchiuto, Mariam	8087	L-SLP
Daniel, Lila	8088	L-SLP	Wilk, Jennifer	8089	L-AUD
Bryson, Nicole	8090	L-SLP	Spillman, Danae	8091	PL-SLP
Fares, Nadine	8092	PL-SLP	Barcelona, Jenna	8093	PL-SLP
Merrifield, Katie	8094	PL-SLP	Smith, Megan	8095	PL-SLP
Eshelman, Lindsey	8096	L-SLP	Guice, Lauren	8097	PL-SLP
Puzio, Kristen	8098	PL-SLP	Mitchell, Morgan	8099	PL-SLP
Ballard, Shelbi	8100	PL-SLP	Hawkins, Destaney	8101	PL-SLP
Guercio, Emily	8102	PL-SLP	Tommasi, Savanna	8103	PL-SLP
Cobb, Rachel	8104	L-AUD	Berry, Camille	8105	L-AUD
Hyatt, Ethan	8106	PL-SLP	Kramer, Emily	8107	PL-SLP
Alleman, Natalie	8108	PL-SLP	Patrick, Elizabeth	8109	PL-SLP
Gunter, Lindsey	8110	PL-SLP	Mair, Hope	8111	PL-SLP
Pace, Amanda	8112	L-AUD	Frick, Jeni	8113	PL-SLP
Bingham, Kaitlyn	8114	PL-SLP	Develle, Jeanne	8115	PL-SLP
Ourso, Sarah	8116	PL-SLP	Caple, Demi	8118	PL-SLP
Hines, Nicole	8119	L-SLP	Keller, Hayley	8120	PL-SLP
Caron, Kaycee	8121	PL-SLP	Dewitt, Cornelia	8122	PL-SLP

McDaniel, Mary	8124	L-SLP	Daigrepoint, Michelle	8125	PL-SLP
Johnson, Paige	8126	PL-SLP	Manuel, Erin	8127	PL-SLP
Viola, Alexandria	8128	PL-SLP	Phillips, Larresa	8129	PL-SLP
Byrnside, Kaitlyn	8130	PL-SLP	Haydel, Hannah	8131	PL-SLP
Laque, Laney	8132	PL-SLP	Sullivan, Amy	8133	PL-SLP
Ducote, Gerald	8134	PL-SLP	Thompson, Austin	8135	PL-SLP
Darouse, Kelsi	8136	PL-SLP	Solari, Madeline	8137	PL-SLP
Durr, Rebecca	8138	PL-SLP	Burns, Anne	8139	PL-SLP
Simon, Chelsea	8140	PL-SLP	Jacobs, Taylor	8141	PL-SLP
Perry, Kristin	8143	PL-SLP	Miltenerger, III, Gustave	8142	PL-SLP
Knecht, Caroline	8144	PL-SLP	Naquin, Hannah	8145	PL-SLP
Manuel, Lindsay	8146	PL-SLP	Andrews, Erica	8147	L-SLP
Jones, Aleigha	8149	PL-SLP	Sonnier, Lexi	8150	PL-SLP
Pierce, Kaitlyn	8151	PL-SLP	Centanni, Donna	8152	PL-SLP
Monier, Megan	8153	PL-SLP	Prince, Kateland	8178	PL-SLP
Harper, Emily	7816	PL-SLP			

Motion was made by Ramesh Bettagere, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant** licenses:

Blocker, Ashley	8086	Provisional SLP Assistant
Webster, Kelsey	8117	Provisional SLP Assistant
Odom, Skylar	8123	SLP Assistant
Crockett, Nakia	8148	Provisional SLP Assistant

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

Liotta, Sierra	7850	L-SLP	Fontenot, Cassie	7947	L-SLP
Dupree, Erin	7881	L-SLP	Reeves, Kailey	7967	L-SLP
Daigle, Mallori	7921	L-SLP	Jackson, Rachel	7885	L-SLP
LoBianco, Latricia	1886	L-SLP	Rollins, Austin	7841	L-SLP
Wagley, Ashleigh	7929	L-SLP	Soto, Rosanna	7908	L-SLP
Abadie, Alaina	7909	L-SLP	Alexander, Emily	7927	L-SLP
Dawson, Rachel	7946	L-SLP	Parker, Lindsey	7385	L-SLP
Colvin, Haley	7962	L-SLP	Trapani, Brienne	7794	L-SLP
Bonck, Chelsea	7887	L-SLP	McCain, Christina	7880	L-SLP
Douglas, Sophie	7987	L-SLP	Balhoff, Natalie	7597	L-SLP
Fukuhara, Marissa	8027	L-SLP	Kennedy, Hayley	7949	L-SLP
Atkins, Tarleshia	7964	L-SLP	Allen, Devreeon	7911	L-SLP
LeBlanc, Alyssa	7846	L-SLP	Fontenot, Brittany	7915	L-SLP
Murphy, Amy	7986	L-SLP	Landry, Chelsea	7842	L-SLP

Lestage, Aimee	7922	L-SLP	Vienne, Morgan	7942	L-SLP
Kendrick, Lillian	7797	L-SLP	Azar, Christina	7889	L-SLP
Buller, Rachel	7958	L-SLP	Carter, Elizabeth	8008	L-SLP
Naquin, Abigail	7894	L-SLP	Gabriel, Theresa	7901	L-SLP
Hudson, Lezli	7641	L-SLP	McVay, Jacquelyn	7948	L-SLP
Sogga, Celeste	7893	L-SLP	Webb, Lauren	7953	L-SLP
Lion, Zuzana	7834	L-SLP	Schmidt, Hayley	7957	L-SLP
Ball, Katherine	7991	L-SLP	Chetta, Kathryn	7884	L-SLP
Albares, Margot	7934	L-SLP	Barraco, Ashley	7277	L-SLP
Sledge, Lauren	7892	L-SLP	Jones, Kaila	8020	L-SLP
Abshire, Hannah	7906	L-SLP	Lapeyrouse, Emma	7900	L-SLP
Talbott, Thomas	7985	L-SLP	Stilley, Kristen	7318	L-SLP
Crochet, Ainsley	7812	L-SLP			

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

Schanks, Ginger	3724	L-SLP	Wilson, Lori	5498	L-SLP
Howell, Nikki	6090	L-SLP	Denton, Carley	6163	L-SLP
Hamilton, III, Julius	6424	PL-SLP	Champagne, Tracie	7493	PL-SLP
Fontenot, Stacy	7296	PL-SLP			
Anderson-Lee, Charlene	4309	SLP Assistant			

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email dated May 21, 2018 from Julie Perron of SpeechPathologyMasters Program.com

The Board does not wish to add specific programs to the website at this time.

2. Emails dated May 14, 2018 from Jerrilyn Frasier and Steve Madix regarding Audiology clinical practicum hour requirements and ASHA waiver

Board members reviewed the emails received regarding Audiology clinical practicum hour requirements and ASHA waiver. Steve Harris spoke to Steve Madix via phone call about his concerns. The Board will add consideration of the removal of 1820 clinical hours for Audiology to a future rules change.

CONFERENCES:

National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB)

1. Call for Nominations

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to nominate Gregg Thornton for President-Elect of NCSB.

2. Conference

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to send Ramesh Bettagere, Erica Chatelain, Jerrilyn Frasier, and Annette Hurley, to the 2018 NCSB pre-conference workshop and NCSB Conference, and pay related travel expenses.

Motion was made by Ramesh Bettagere, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to send Daphne Washington, Deanna Hardy, Steve Harris and Jolie Jones to the 2018 NCSB Conference in Tyson's Corner, Virginia, and pay related travel expenses.

Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA)

1. LSHA Convention Presentation

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Jerrilyn Frasier and unanimously carried, to pay for related travel expenses for Daphne Washington to present with Steve Harris at the LSHA Convention on behalf of the Board.

Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB)

1. 26th Annual FARB Regulatory Law Seminar, September 27-29, 2018, Portland, OR

Board members decided not to send anyone to the FARB Regulatory Law Seminar at this time.

Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR)

1. Annual Educational Conference, September 26-29, 2018, Philadelphia, PA

Board members decided not to send anyone to the CLEAR Annual Educational Conference at this time.

ONGOING BOARD EDUCATION REGARDING OPEN MEETING LAWS AND PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST:

Steve Harris, Board Chairperson, and Jolie Jones, Executive Director, recently attended the Civil Law Training offered to boards and commissions by the Louisiana Department of Justice. Board members discussed open meeting laws and handling public records request.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Executive Director Update

Jolie Jones provided the board with the following updates:

- Rules process will be promulgated based on public hearing date
- Professional contracts are approved or in process
- Reminder to board members to review applications and upgrades as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Jerrilyn Frasier, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to include email addresses and mailing addresses with all mailing list requests.

2. LBESPA Processing

The Board reviewed data for the period of April 4, 2018 – June 7, 2018. The summary is as follows:

- initial applications – 122
- upgrade requests – 63
- applications approved - 63
- applications denied - 0
- upgrades approved - 42
- board member requests for additional information – 6
- online renewals – 1,304
- renewals in the board office – 111
- audits completed – 38
- complaints received - 2

3. Civil Law Training

Steve Harris, Board Chairperson, and Jolie Jones, Executive Director, recently attended the Civil Law Training offered to boards and commissions by the Louisiana Department of Justice.

4. Telehealth Registration Process

Board members discussed details of the telehealth registration to assist in setting up the process in the Board's computerized system. Telehealth Registration applicants do not need to upload card for home state licensure or registration, but the Board will require verification to be sent directly to the Board. All telehealth registrants must be queried through the National Practitioner DataBank (NPDB). The Board will remove the question for English being the primary language since the registration is based on licensure in another state for telehealth registrants.

For next year's renewal, we need to add a question to the renewal application for individuals licensed in Louisiana, "do you provide telehealth/telepractice services in Louisiana".

5. LBESPA Presentations

Daphne Washington gave a presentation on May 17, 2018 to 20 speech-language pathology second year students at Louisiana Tech University.

6. Clinical Hours

Board members discussed the need to add a maximum of 25 clinical hours to count for licensure from undergraduate programs to future Rules changes.

7. **Legislative Session 2018**

Board members reviewed the following:

Act 623 regarding occupational licensing and active supervision and state oversight, Act 693 will allow for sunset review, and Senate Bill 504 requires a response from the Board.

The Board may want to consider adding to the Practice Act that licensees can claim certifications.

COMPLIANCE HEARING:

Taylor Che' 1:30

Taylor Che' requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's decision to deny the upgrade of her Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license. The Board denied Ms. Che's request to upgrade her license based on the supervision documentation submitted.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 1:17 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; Ramesh Bettagere, yes; Annette Hurley, yes; Daphne Washington, yes; Annette Hurley, yes.

Motion was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:21 p.m. and deny upgrade of Taylor Che's Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license and offer a Consent Agreement and Order with the following stipulations: successful completion of the Board's open book examination, complete double the required supervision for a Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license for a period of six months, to include additional on-site in-view and alternative supervision hours. Supervision Form 200s, along with supporting supervision logs, must be submitted on a monthly basis during the six month period, complete 5 hours of continuing education in the area of recordkeeping, in addition to those required for the renewal of her license. Continuing education must be submitted to the Board for pre-approval, and must be completed no later than December 31, 2018. This Consent Agreement and Order is a public reprimand, and shall include publication by LBESPA, Speech Pathologists and


Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), the Department of Education, and the National Practitioner DataBank (NPDB).

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



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



Deanna Hardy
Secretary/Treasurer