

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

April 15, 2011

Attending:

**Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Chairperson
Verlencia Millet, L-SLP, Vice Chairperson
Kerrilyn Phillips, L-SLP, Secretary-Treasurer
Theresa H. Rodgers, L-SLP, Board Member
Jim Guillory, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member
Laura Gresham, Public Board Member
Keith F. DeSonier, M.D., Medical Advisor**

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Harris at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily Efferson, Administrator, and Jolie Jones, Administrative Assistant, were present for the meeting. Laura Gresham joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and Theresa Rodgers joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to adopt the Agenda as amended with the following addition: k. Hearing Aid Adjustments under Board/Staff Issues.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the meeting held February 11, 2011.

Motion was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the meeting held April 1, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

FINANCIAL:

Motion was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to purchase a new server as recommended by the board's IT consultant to ensure a properly functional network environment.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES:

A. 2011 LBESPA CE Workshop

Jolie Jones, Administrative Assistant, reported to the Board that 109 participants have pre-registered for the LBESPA Continuing Education Workshop.

The 2012 LBESPA Continuing Education Workshop was scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge.

B. Newsletter Update

The LBESPA Spring Newsletter was mailed on April 5, 2011. Board members were very pleased with the Newsletter.

C. University Presentations

Glenn Waguespack presented to eleven LSUHSC-Shreveport students on March 11, 2011 relative to transitioning from school to work and the purpose of licensure.

D. Newspaper Ad for Better Hearing and Speech Month

Motion was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to publish the newspaper ad for Better Hearing and Speech Month in the *Town Talk* and *Rapides Senior News* in Alexandria, *The News-Star* in Monroe, *American Press* in Lake Charles, and *The Advertiser* in Lafayette at the cost of \$2,624.96.

E. Rules Update

Emily Efferson, Administrator, reported that additional comments were received relative to extending the three year period for provisional speech-language pathology licensure. Unfortunately the Board cannot address this issue at this time as this would require a change in the law. The Board has added this concern on its' list for consideration when the law is changed in the future. Steve Harris will respond to all written comments submitted to the Board.

F. Risk Management/Liability Update

Ayn Stehr will submit her opinion to the board and staff before the regular legislative session begins.

G. Media Library Review

Board members purged outdated media from the Media Library.

H. LABSWE's report to the House of Representative's Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions

Emily Efferson, Administrator, presented the Board with a report she prepared on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners and cautioned the board on similar issues.

I. Changes to the LBHAD's Licensing Act

The Louisiana Board of Hearing Aid Dealers has put forth House Bill No. 276 to change their licensing act. Suggested language regarding protection for licensed audiologists was requested, but it is not included in the digest. Steve Harris will make contact to express this concern.

It was also noted that House Bill No. 276 requires a 30-day right to cancel a hearing aid purchase, but the seller of the hearing aid can assess a cancellation fee not to exceed 15% of all fees charged to the consumer, including testing, fitting, counseling, and the purchase price of the hearing aid. The exact amount of the cancellation fee is required to be stated in the written receipt or contract provided to the consumer. The Board may consider this language in future law changes.

J. Internet Hearing Aid Sales

A concern was raised regarding hearing aids that are available online through one of the largest retail stores in the United States.

K. Hearing Aid Adjustments

Correspondence was received inquiring about the ability of hearing aid users to adjust their own hearing aids. In order to adjust hearing aids a person must be a licensed audiologist or licensed hearing aid specialist. Adjusting hearing aids requires special training and skillset.

CONFERENCES:

LSHA:

a. Exhibit Request

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Jim Guillory and unanimously carried, to exhibit at the 2011 LSHA Convention in Shreveport.

b. Board Presentation at LSHA Convention

Following discussion, it was agreed that the following topics would be included as part of LBESPA's presentation at the LSHA Convention: rules revisions, number and area of complaints, license count, enhancement of newsletter, number and location of university presentations, board vacancies, \$3 online renewal fee waiver, Better Hearing and Speech Month newspaper ads, trend regarding state government sweeping board budgets, board activities - LBESPA's continuing education workshop and sponsorship of continuing education for LSHA and SPALS. The board felt it was important to also note that the last fee increase was in 2005 and that the board also hosts its workshop at a loss sometimes.

NCSB:

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to nominate Glenn Waguespack for the President Elect position and Amy Goldman, Vickie Pullins, Tim Wiese, and George Purvis for the Board of Directors for the National Council of State Boards (NCSB).

SPALS:

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Jim Guillory and unanimously carried, to sponsor a keynote speaker for continuing education purposes at the SPALS 2011 Conference.

FARB:

Verlencia Millet submitted a report from her attendance at the 2010 NCSB Training for Board Members as well as the 2011 FARB Forum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 11:00 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,

for discussion in regard to the report, development, or course of action regarding security personnel, plans or devices,

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: Theresa Rodgers, yes; Jim Guillory, yes; Kerrilyn Phillips, yes; Verlencia Millet, yes; Laura Gresham, yes.

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Jim Guillory and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session to take the following action:

A. Licensure Problems

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to require D.S. to re-apply for provisional speech-language pathology licensure, including submission of all required documentation.

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to approve licensure for L.D. based on submission of additional documentation showing that the requirements for licensure have been met.

A statement should be included in her approval letter as follows: "This approval negates the Board's former denial of the application based on additional documentation submitted reflecting that the requirements have been met."

B. Review of Applications

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

Huffman, Avery 6437 PL-SLP Delrose, Laura Nicole 6438 PL-SLP

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Jim Guillory and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for a **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant or Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant** license:

Warren, Brittany M. 6439 PL-SLP Assistant

Motion was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to upgrade the following licenses:

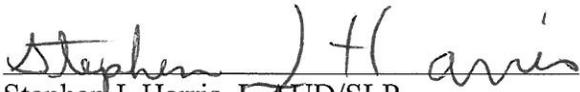
Adams, Amanda G.	6309	L-SLP	Duhe, Lindsay	6278	L-SLP
Smith, Holly C.	6138	L-SLP	Kellerhals, Brooke L.	6308	L-SLP

Motion was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to reinstate the following licenses:

Bankston, Sharon	2097	L-SLP
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Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:


Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP
Chairperson


Verlencia Millet, L-SLP
Vice Chairperson