

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

December 2, 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
Jimmy J. Guillory, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member
Laura Gresham, Public Member**

Absent:

Stanley Peters, M.D., Medical Advisor

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Harris at 9:09 a.m. in the St. Tammany Room of Loews Hotel located at 300 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Emily Efferson, Administrator, and Terry L. Martin, Administrative Assistant, were present for the meeting.

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Jimmy Guillory and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the meeting held October 28, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Charley Vidrine, Shannon Dunn-Sudds, Heather Babin, Kristin Cooke and Emilee Trisler, students from LA Tech, attended the public portion of the meeting.

FINANCIAL:

- A. Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ending September 30, 2011.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES:

- A. 2012 LBESPA CE Workshop
The Board discussed status of contracts, topics and speakers for the workshop scheduled for April 14, 2012. The board was presented with an overview of presenters, topics, and learner outcomes. Board members are in the final stages of contacting speakers to request presentations.

B. Election of Board Officers

Due to the appointments the governor should be making to the Board, the election for board officers was tabled to the February 10, 2012 board meeting.

C. Update on Annual School Report

Members of the Board were advised that Terry Martin sent a request to superintendents asking for a response by December 15, 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Email dated November 18, 2011 from Nancy Villa regarding training a staff member to perform pure tone air threshold.

The Board advised that Ms. Villa should not train a non-professional. The physician's office should not bill services provided by a non-professional as an audiologist performed the service. The Board also advised that should Ms. Villa train a non-professional she would be exceeding her scope of practice as set out in Louisiana Administrative Code §117 and will violate the code of ethics adopted and published by the Board as identified in Rule 701 (E)(2)(D) and 701 (E)(2)(E).

CONFERENCE:

ASHA:

Presentation report

- A. Steve Harris presented the Board with a hand-out of the conference presentation. Mr. Harris thanked the Board for allowing him to present and attend the conference, which included a lot of great sessions. Twenty or more people attended the Board's presentation. Excellent questions were asked and it was a wonderful experience. Theresa Rodgers gave an overview of the presentation reflecting on the reason for implementation of support personnel licensure and regulations. She also shared that the change to the ETS speech-language pathology exam score is delayed until 2015. Ms. Rodgers shared that the ETS cut score is 170 for the audiology exam. Finally, Ms. Rodgers expressed concerns about changes to the law and rules concerning a passing score established by the Board. The Board will develop a committee in February 2012 to work on changes to the law and rules, to include changes concerning ETS test scores.

Motion was made by Jimmy Guillory, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 10:36 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; Jimmy Guillory, yes; Kerrilyn Phillips, yes; Laura Gresham, yes; and Verlencia Millet, yes.

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Jimmy Guillory and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:34 a.m. to take the following action:

A. Complaint #2011-07

The respondent declined the Consent Agreement and Order offered in resolution of Complaint #2011-07. Board members agreed to set the administrative hearing of this matter for March 23, 2012.

A post-hearing debriefing will take place after the hearing with the attorney general's office, legal counsel, chair, and the administrator.

B. Evaluation of professional contractors

Emily Efferson will complete evaluations regarding the services provided by professional service contractors. These evaluations will be presented to the Board for their comments and revisions prior to providing the evaluation to the contractor. Ms. Efferson will also inform the contractors about the new evaluations.

C. Review of Applications

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

Crawford, Terlenda	6587	L-SLP	McNeill, Molly	6588	L-SLP
Green, Haley Marie	6589	PL-SLP	Elliott, Susan	6590	L-SLP
Vieira, Candance	6591	L-SLP	Pebler, Valerie Ann	6592	L-SLP
Stewart, Antoinette	6594	L-SLP	Agness, Jerilyn E.	6595	L-SLP
Brown, Warren	6407	PL-SLP	Wailes, Brandi	6259	L-SLP
Adams, Kasy	6384	L-SLP	Keesler, Anne Marie	4815	L-SLP

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

Davis, Heidi G.	5520	SLP Asst	Vadell, Veronica	6593	PL-SLP Asst
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Motion was made by Jimmy Guillory, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to upgrade the following licenses:

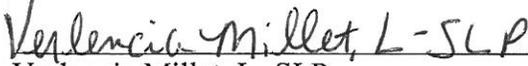
Johnson, Jennifer	6404	L-SLP	Simmons, Le`Kaja	6564	SLP Assistant
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Motion was made by Jimmy Guillory, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to reinstate the following licenses:

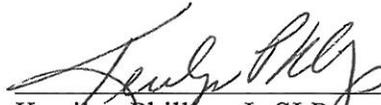
Hennington, Halley E.	6157	PL-SLP Assist	Ryan, Erica W.	6198	SLP Assistant
Scott, Michelle	3777	SLP Assistant	Fahey, Mary E.	4395	L-SLP

Motion was made by Jimmy Guillory, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Verlencia Millet, L- SLP
Vice-Chairperson



Kerrilyn Phillips, L-SLP
Secretary Treasurer