

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

March 21, 2015

Attending:

**Stephen J. Harris, L-SLP/AUD, Chairperson
Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Vice Chairperson
Daphne R. Washington, L-SLP, Secretary/Treasurer
Tammy Crawford, L-SLP, Board Member
Theresa H. Rodgers, L-SLP, Board Member**

Absent:

**Laura H. Gresham, Public Member
Anita Jeyakumar, MD, Medical Advisor**

The meeting was called to order by Steve Harris at 8:20 a.m. in the conference room of the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, 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 Daphne Washington, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Mara Seiler, Provisional SLP regarding upgrade requirements
Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to upgrade Mara Seiler's license to Speech-Language Pathologist, as she has submitted the required supervision documentation.

2. Email from Ayn Stehr regarding statutory authority for background checks and online verifications
The Board reviewed an email from Ayn Stehr in response to their questions regarding background checks and online verifications.

When the Rules changes are made, the Board would like to add background checks and possibly query the National Practitioner Data Bank, with the applicant to pay all administrative fees associated. The query cost per individual is \$3.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 8:45 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: Theresa Rodgers, yes; Tammy Crawford, yes.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. to take the following actions:

1. Receipt of New Complaint

a. Complaint #2015-05

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to accept administrative complaint #2015-05 and summarily suspend Kimberly Cooke's Speech-Language Pathology license, license #5501, based on the information received.

Summary suspension hearing has been scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Board office. Ms. Cooke needs to be personally served with the hearing notice.

2. Review of Applications

a. C.G.

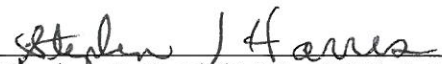
Motion was made by Glenn Waguespack, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried to grant C.G.'s Provisional Speech-Language Pathology license.

LAW/RULES CHANGES


Board members reviewed comments from Ayn Stehr regarding revisions to the Practice Act. The Board also discussed necessary changes to the Rules, Regulations and Procedures, in order to develop its' presentation for the LBESPA Continuing Education Workshop.

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



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



Daphne R. Washington, M.A., CCC-SLP, L-SLP
Secretary/Treasurer