

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

March 23, 2020

Attending:

**Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Chairperson
Erica A. Chatelain, L-SLP, Vice Chairperson
Deanna B. Hardy, Public Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Leigh Anne Baker, L-SLP, Board Member
Jerrilyn Frasier, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member
Annette E. Hurley, L-AUD, Board Member
Lucie LeDoux, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member**

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Waguespack at 4:00 p.m. via a Zoom conference call based on Governor John Bel Edwards' Executive Order 2020-30 due to a public health emergency. Jolie Jones, Executive Director and Marcy Ricca, Administrative Assistant, were present for the entirety of the call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one joined the call to provide public comments.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Jerrilyn Frasier and unanimously carried, to adopt the Agenda as amended to add 3. Telehealth Registration Applications, 4. License Verifications from Other States and 5. Board Memos under Administrative Review.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Essential/Non-essential Employees

Board staff and board members have received emails and phone calls asking if they are essential or non-essential workers, based on the Governor's Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to send an email to all licensees that the Board does not have the authority to determine whether practicing Audiologists and/or Speech-Language Pathologists are essential or non-essential. If you need further clarification on your role during this public health emergency, the Board recommends that you contact the Louisiana Department of Health and/or the Governor's Office for clarification on the proclamation.

2. Criminal Background Checks

Louisiana State Police Headquarters has closed from March 20 – April 12, 2020, due to the public health emergency. This means that the Board's

applicants will experience a delay in the processing of criminal background checks.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to grant conditional licenses to individuals who have all required documentation, with the exception of a completed criminal background check and/or verification from other state license boards. The Board staff will gather online verifications for applicants and include with the application for review. Upon receipt of a clean criminal background check and/or clear verification of licensure directly from other state boards, the Board will consider granting the requested license without conditions.

3. Telehealth Registration Applications

Telehealth Registration applications still must be notarized during this time. The Board will accept Telehealth Registration applications through email during this public health emergency.

4. License Verifications from Other States

License Verifications that cannot be obtained from other state Boards because the Boards are not functional at this time, the LBESPA Board staff will gather online verifications for applicants and include with the application for review.

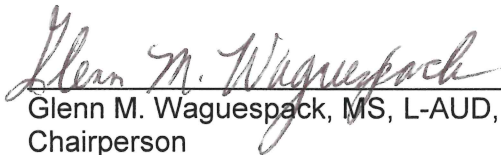
5. Board Memos

Jolie Jones reviewed the Board memos that have been sent to licensees since the public health emergency.

Jolie Jones will email Michelle Ridge about criminal background check and the concern raised from licensees regarding essential and non-essential personnel.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Glenn M. Waguespack, MS, L-AUD, CCC-A
Chairperson



Deanna Hardy, Public Board Member
Secretary/Treasurer