

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

December 2, 2016

Attending:

**Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Chairperson
Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Vice Chairperson
Daphne Washington, L-SLP, Secretary/Treasurer
Deanna Hardy, Public Member
Vacant, Medical Advisor**

Absent:

**Tammy Crawford, L-SLP, Board Member
Theresa H. Rodgers, L-SLP, Board Member**

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Waguespack at 8:30 a.m. in the Beauregard Room at the Loews Hotel located at 300 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, was present for the entirety of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was present to provide public comment.

WELCOME NEW PUBLIC BOARD MEMBER:

Glenn Waguespack welcomed Deanna Hardy, the Board's newest public board member.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as amended to add "#2017-05" to Executive Session, as well as "2. NCSB 2016 Conference Report" to Conferences.

FINANCIALS:

1. Auditor's Report

The Board reviewed the annual auditor's report.

2. Monthly Accounting Consideration

Jolie Jones presented the Board with an email from Rob Furman, of Griffin & Furman, with an accounting proposal. The Board will consider all options.

3. Amend Professional Contract for Investigations

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to amend the investigation contract with Statewide Surveillance & Investigations, LLC to \$10,000.00. The original contract has been exceeded due to multiple complex investigations.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 7, 2016, as amended.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Executive Director Update

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Deanna Hardy, and unanimously carried, to require Provisional Speech-Language Pathologists and Restricted Speech-Language Pathologists to renew by mail. These licensees will no longer be eligible to renew online beginning April 15, 2017, as the process is too cumbersome to effectively monitor online.

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington, and unanimously carried, to extend the 2015-2016 contract for the Department of Justice for \$15,000 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Steve Harris, and unanimously carried, to purchase the Professional Licensing Report online only for \$179.

2. LBESPA Processing

Board members reviewed a report indicating that 23 initial applications and 10 upgrade requests have been received since September 30, 2016. One application was denied and none required additional information.

3,341 individuals renewed online and 322 individuals renewed by mail, for a total of 3,663 individuals renewed as of December 2, 2016.

68 audits were completed as of December 2, 2016, with 4 audits incomplete.

One complaint was received since the October 7, 2016 board meeting.

3. Update on Annual School Report

24 out of 65 parish schools have not yet responded to the Board's Annual School Report. The Board office will send the Annual School Report to Directors of Special Education and the Superintendent in these parishes. The Board may want to discuss the importance of the Annual School Report with Speech Pathologists & Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS) and the Louisiana Association of School Executives (LASE).

COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

Christina Lambert 10:00

Christina Lambert requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's decision to deny the reinstatement of her speech-language pathology license based on documentation received from Early Steps, causing the Board to believe that she may have practiced without a valid license.

Ms. Lambert testified that she defaulted on student loans in March 2014 and was ineligible for licensure renewal. She was unable to work because of family and medical issues. Ms. Lambert testified that she was self-employed, working with Early Steps from July 2012 through January 2014. She has not worked since 2014.

Erinn Watson 10:30

Erinn Watson requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's decision to deny the reinstatement of her provisional speech-language pathology license based on conflicting information regarding whether she has been charged or convicted of a crime during the application process.

Justin Delaune, Attorney at Law, appeared with Ms. Watson to provide an explanation. Mr. Delaune provided documentation to the board showing proof that Ms. Watson did provide the board with truthful information at the time of each application.

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 10:50 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.

Votes for going into Executive Session: Steve Harris, yes; Daphne Washington, yes; Deanna Hardy, yes.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to offer a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice to Christina Lambert to include the Board's open book examination, issuance of a speech-language pathology license and suspension for one year, submission of 25 hours of past continuing education plus an additional 5 hours in Ethics, \$2,500 fine within one year, reporting to ASHA, LSHA, SPALS, Early Steps, National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), and publication by LBESPA. Violations include: Practice Act §2652. and Rules 701.E.3.a., 701.E.3.d., 701.E.1., and 701.E.4.b.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to grant reinstatement of Erinn Watson's Provisional Speech-Language Pathology license.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CONTINUED:

4. Sub-Committee Update

Daphne Washington provided the Board with a telehealth registration application. Board members provided feedback and Daphne will work with Jolie Jones to make the requested changes.

5. Law Revisions

Board members discussed the drafted language for proposed law revisions in the 2017 Legislative Session.

6. Update on SCR 65 Task Force Meeting

Steve Harris provided board members with a draft of the final report from the Task Force.

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington, and unanimously carried, to approve the report as presented.

7. Election of Board Officers

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Deanna Hardy, and unanimously carried, to nominate Steve Harris for Board Chairperson.

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Deanna Hardy, and unanimously carried, to nominate Daphne Washington for Vice Chairperson.

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington, and unanimously carried, to nominate Tammy Crawford to serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email dated November 23, 2016 from Samantha Welch regarding telehealth registration

In addition to applicable definitions, continuing education provisions, and other appropriate regulations, Telepractice was added as §130. of the *Rules and Regulations* during the most recent rules promulgation in October. At this time, the Board has not finalized the telepractice registration application form, but has reviewed a draft at this meeting.

2. Email dated December 1, 2016 from Kelly Ketchum regarding medication reconciliation

In terms of the roles and responsibilities of Speech-Language Pathologists according to ASHA, the Dementia topic found in ASHA's (online) Practice Portal contains some information within the Roles and Responsibilities section. The skills described are appropriate for various populations such as treatment plans for cognitive aspects of communication, including attention, memory, sequencing, problem solving and executive functioning. Also, when referencing these tasks in the future, consider other terminology besides medication reconciliation. The law is not specific to this area, but ASHA does have information available.

CONFERENCES:

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

1. CE Provider Annual Fee Renewal

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to renew the Board's ASHA Continuing Education Provider status.

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

1. Board Membership Renewal

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to renew the board's membership with NCSB for \$450.

2. NCSB 2016 Report

Daphne Washington provided the board with an oral and written report regarding attendance at the 2016 NCSB Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB)

1. 41st Annual FARB Forum, January 26-29, 2017, San Antonio, TX

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to send Deanna Hardy to the FARB Comprehensive Regulatory Training and Conference, and pay all related travel expenses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 2:55 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: Steve Harris, yes; Daphne Washington, yes; Deanna Hardy, yes.

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 4:10 p.m. to take the following actions:

1. **Review of Pending Complaints**

a. **#2016-05**

Board members set a date for hearing on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 8:00 a.m., pending availability of Ayn Stehr and Ryan Seidemann. The hearing will be held in absentia, if necessary. Notice will be sent to the last known address and mother's address.

b. **#2016-07**

Board members set a date for hearing on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., pending availability of Ayn Stehr and Ryan Seidemann.

c. **#2016-08**

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to amend the Consent Agreement and Order for both licensees to suspension rather than revocation, as advised by the board's attorney.

d. **#2016-09**

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to allow bi-weekly counseling sessions, as recommended by counselor.

e. **#2017-02**

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to send a letter of concern suggesting that the individual make contracts clearer and delineate in contracts what percentage of the money is refundable.

g. **#2017-04**

Motion was made by Deanna Hardy, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to send a letter of concern, indicating that in the future, medical records should be completed in a timely manner.

h. **#2016-02**

Board members reviewed and approved continuing education submitted.

i. **#2017-05**

Board members are requesting that the investigator interview five speech-language pathology assistants and five speech-language pathologists. Based on these responses, the Board will conduct a further discussion.

2. Review of New Complaints

a. **#2017-16**

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, not to accept complaint #2017-06 and send a letter noting that because the individual is working under a physician, the individual can perform any tasks assigned, so long as the person is not being called an Audiologist.

3. Review of Applications

a. **SC**

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to issue SC's Speech-Language Pathology license.

b. **NW**

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to issue NW's Speech-Language Pathology license.

4. Board Staff Annual Review/Evaluations

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to give Jolie Jones a 4% annual raise pending the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition's approval.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to give Marcy Ricca a 4% annual raise.

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

Gordon, Beth	7757	L-SLP	Swords, Ashley	7758	PL-SLP
Chartier, Mary Lee	7759	L-AUD/HA	Nadeau, Cheryl	7760	L-AUD
Blake, Kandace	7761	L-SLP	Foster, Dionndra	7762	L-SLP
Elliot, Anna	7763	L-SLP	Ponseti, Patricia	7764	L-SLP
Harris, Tina	7768	L-SLP	Shead, Courtney	7769	L-SLP
Keys, Betty	7770	L-SLP	Collins, Sarah	7771	L-SLP
Woods, Nedra	7772	L-SLP	O'Connor, Johnny	7773	L-SLP
McConnell, Lynn	7774	L-SLP	Dyer, Michelle	6050	L-SLP
Watson, Erinn	6181	PL-SLP			

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

Bass, Elizabeth	7765	SLP Assistant
Bell, Catherine	7766	Provisional SLP Assistant
Dronet, Catherine	7767	Provisional SLP Assistant
Alexander, Amy	7775	SLP Assistant
Adams, Marquita	7480	SLP Assistant

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

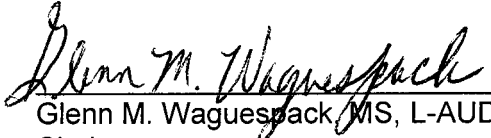
Thomas, Lydia	7511	L-SLP	Vulevich, Adair	7292	L-SLP
Lefort, Kelsey	7449	L-SLP	Marchetti, Kristen	7693	L-SLP
Douglas, Kathryn	7488	L-SLP			
Buchardt, Kayla	7556	SLP Assistant			
Scott, Jasmine	7546	SLP Assistant			

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

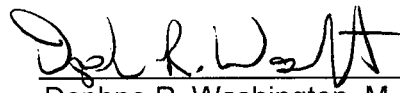
Kinchen, Hillary	6596	SLP Assistant
Ferdinand, Tara	6545	L-SLP
Guice, Dawn	6201	L-SLP
Carriere-Brown, Jennifer	5838	L-SLP

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



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



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