

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

August 27, 2016

Attending:

**Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Chairperson
Tammy Crawford, L-SLP, Board Member
Theresa H. Rodgers, L-SLP, Board Member
Laura H. Gresham, Public Member**

Absent:

**Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Vice Chairperson
Daphne Washington, L-SLP, Secretary/Treasurer**

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Waguespack at 8:47 a.m. in the conference room at the Board office located at 37283 Swamp Road, Suite 3B, Prairieville, 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 Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as amended to add number 3. Letter from Hillary Kinchen to Correspondence, remove 3. Financial Statement for the period ended June 30, 2016, as these statements have not yet been received, as well as to remove number 1.c. 2016-07 from Executive Session as we will not have a quorum with one board member recused.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 9, 2016, as amended.

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 15, 2016, as presented.

FINANCIAL:

1. Financial Statement for the period ended April 30, 2016
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ended April 30, 2016.
2. Financial Statement for the period ended May 31, 2016
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ended May 31, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Board held a public hearing from 9:00-9:45 a.m. relative to its intent to update the Rules, Regulations and Procedures to make technical changes and clarifications, add

definitions for telehealth/telepractice, remove hearing aid dispensing fee from renewal and initial applications, add specificity to continuing education requirements and add telehealth registration. Glenn Waguespack explained the proposed changes and the rationale for each change.

Brittany Rutland, Speech-Language Pathologist, and Melinda Peat, Audiologist, were both in attendance for the public hearing. Ms. Rutland, who was representing Abilities Pediatric Therapy Services and provides telepractice services as a private practitioner, questioned whether Louisiana Speech-Language Pathologists might be displaced from jobs because of the telepractice addition. Board members explained that national data has shown that job displacement has not occurred in other states and is not anticipated in Louisiana. Ms. Peat, who is with the Louisiana Department of Health, did not express any specific concerns/comments related to the proposed Rules changes.

The Board received the following written comments in response to publication of the proposed Rules changes:

Danielle Daigle, Speech-Language Pathologist, submitted a letter in support of adding criminal background checks. (It should be noted that this was an addition to the Practice Act during the 2016 legislative session.)

The ERISA Industry Committee (ERIC) submitted a letter stating it is pleased that the Board has issued proposed regulations that recognize the potential benefits of telehealth, and thanked the Board for thoughtfully developing the regulations to maximize the benefits of telehealth in increasing access to health care. The letter further stated that ERIC respects and supports the Board's duty to protect the public and consider patient safety while developing telehealth policies. ERIC agrees with the Board that the standard of care and professional ethics governing in-person visits should apply in the same manner to telehealth visits. The Committee also expressed its appreciation for the Board's technology-neutral definition of telehealth.

Board members requested two revisions to the proposed Rules due to error in the promulgation process which does not affect the intent of the rules revisions. The first change is in Rule 103 consisting of the addition of a comma after "education" in the definition of "telehealth". The addition of -s to "prohibit" in Rule 131.E.1.c. is the second change.

COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

Jody Rigdon 10:00

Jody Rigdon requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's decision to deny the upgrade of her provisional speech-language pathology license based on the supervision documentation submitted.

Ms. Rigdon testified that she completed her 9 months postgraduate professional employment experience from August 2014 – June 2015 and submitted the upgrade paperwork in August 2015. Ms. Rigdon began a new job with Jefferson Parish Public Schools August 8, 2015 and wasn't officially supervised for LBESPA purposes because her upgrade paperwork had already been submitted. As a new Jefferson Parish School employee, Ms. Rigdon was treated similarly to a Clinical Fellow and assigned a mentor.

Teairra Strozier 10:30

Teairra Strozier requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's decision to deny the renewal of her speech-language pathology assistant license based on the supervision documentation submitted.

Ms. Strozier testified that her Supervision Form 200s were not completed accurately due to poor documentation.

Aimee Moreau 10:50

Aimee Moreau requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's decision to deny the reinstatement of her speech-language pathology license. The Board denied Ms. Moreau's request to reinstate her license based on information that Ms. Moreau practiced without a license from July 1, 2015 to the present.

Ms. Moreau testified that she attempted to renew her license on June 30, 2016 and did not realize until that time that her license had lapsed for non-renewal the previous year. Ms. Moreau verified that the certified letter sent by the Board at the time the license lapsed had been mailed to the correct address. The letter was not claimed at the post office. Ms. Moreau worked full-time during the 2015-2016 school year and billed Medicaid.

Valarie Moses Carradine 11:30

Valarie Moses Carradine requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's decisions to deny the renewal of her speech-language pathology assistant license based on the supervision documentation submitted.

Ms. Carradine testified that there were discrepancies with her Supervision Form 200s because she inadvertently did not include some of the supervision time recorded on her calendar. Ms. Carradine has been a speech-language pathology assistant since 1996 but this is her first time working with this supervisor. While the Board's rules stipulate that both the supervisor and assistant maintain supervisory records, Ms. Carradine was designated with the main responsibility for completing the Supervision Form 200s.

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 11:56 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; Laura Gresham, yes.

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 12:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Laura Gresham and carried, to require Jody Rigdon to repeat the 9 months/36 weeks of post-graduate professional employment experience required for upgrade this year in accordance with the Board's Rules, Regulations and Procedures. Opposed – Theresa Rodgers.

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to require Teairra Strozier to submit amended Supervision Form 200s showing the supervision that actually took place. A letter of concern will be sent to Ms. Strozier's supervisor on record.

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to offer Aimee Moreau a Consent Agreement and Order to include the Board's open book examination, \$750 fine, 1,000 word narrative on the importance of licensure and ethical behavior, reporting to SPALS, LSHA, ASHA, National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), and the Louisiana Department of Education.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to require Ms. Carradine and her supervisor to amend her Supervision Form 200s. A letter of concern will be sent to Ms. Carradine's supervisor on record.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Executive Director Update
Jolie Jones discussed the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) compliance review process with board members.
2. LBESPA Processing
Board members reviewed a report indicating that 72 initial applications and 25 upgrade requests have been received since the June 9, 2016 board meeting. One application was denied and none required additional information.

3,317 individuals renewed online and 263 individuals renewed by mail, for a total of 3,580 individuals renewed as of August 26, 2016.

62 audits were completed as of August 26, 2016, with 10 audits outstanding.

Two complaints were received since the June 9, 2016 board meeting.

3. Update on LBESPA Vacancies

Board members reviewed the letter containing election results and requesting board member appointments which was submitted to the governor by LSHA .

4. LSHA Email Request

Board members reviewed an email request from Leigh Anne Baker of LSHA requesting that LBESPA send out an email message on LSHA's behalf. Although it is not appropriate for LBESPA to send the email for the state association, ASHA can send a communication for LSHA. The Board is willing to provide LSHA with an email list at no cost for this purpose.

5. Alternative Clinical Experiences – Simulated Activities

Board members reviewed an email from an individual inquiring if LBESPA will accept simulated activities as 20% of the supervised clinical practicum hours since this is the ASHA certification standard. The Board confirmed that up to 20% (i.e., 75 of 400 hours) of the required direct client hours may be obtained through alternative clinical education hours.

6. Review of Acts 654, 630, 449, 338 and 478 from the 2016 Regular Legislative Session

Ayn Stehr provided the Board with several Acts that were passed in the 2016 Regular Legislative Session that affect Boards. Relative to Act 654, information regarding access to public records information needs to be added to the Board's website.

7. HCR 150 related to Audiology Awareness Month

HCR 150 named October as Audiology Awareness Month. LBESPA will continue raising awareness for Better Hearing and Speech Month in May since it includes both the audiology and speech-language pathology professions.

8. Assign Sub-Committees for: SLP Assistant Application, Telehealth Registration procedures, Criminal Background Checks and Law Revisions

Theresa Rodgers will identify the changes to the SLP Assistant Applications. Daphne Washington will research telehealth registration procedures as well as create a proposed application and renewal form for telehealth registration. Jolie Jones and Laura Gresham will research criminal background checks with other Louisiana boards that perform criminal background

checks and determine if it is a state and/or national level background check, as well as whether the board will provide the pass/fail information to other states if requested. Glenn Waguespack, Tammy Crawford, Theresa Rodgers, and Steve Harris will review possible law revisions.

9. Status of Law Changes in Practice Act

Jolie Jones informed board members that she checked with the administrative offices for the Louisiana Legislature and they are in the process of updating statutes which became law through the last regular session of the Louisiana Legislature. Unfortunately, Title 37 updates have yet to be updated. Once Title 37 is updated on the Louisiana Legislature's website, Jolie Jones will update the Practice Act document to reflect the changes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email from Lillian Stiegler dated June 20, 2016 regarding time limit for completion of the Provisional Speech-Language Pathology licensure requirements
2. Letter from Marlene DesRoches, regarding time limit for completion of the Provisional Speech-Language Pathology licensure requirements
3. Letter from Hillary Kinchen

Board members reviewed an email from Lillian Stiegler, letters from Marlene DesRoches and Hillary Kinchen, and also met with Hillary Kinchen to discuss a pathway for speech-language pathology licensure.

Board members advised Ms. Kinchen that she should apply for a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license and complete the supervision requirements as mandated in the Rules, Regulations and Procedures. Thereafter, Ms. Kinchen will be eligible to request a Provisional Speech-Language Pathology license and complete the supervision requirements as mandated in the Rules, Regulations and Procedures, to include completion of 9 months/36 weeks of supervision. Upon completion of the supervision requirements for a Provisional Speech-Language Pathology license and submission of a current passing score on the Praxis examination, Ms. Kinchen will be eligible to request an upgrade to a Speech-Language Pathology license.

The Board has added this matter to the list of possible future rules and law revisions.

4. Letter from Samantha Morris dated June 23, 2016, requesting a continuing education extension

The Board reviewed a letter from Samantha Morris requesting a continuing education extension. Board members noted in Ms. Morris' file that she has requested extensions in 2006, 2010, 2013 and 2016, and has not provided the Board with information regarding her efforts to complete continuing education thus far. Unless Ms. Morris submits the full 10 hours of continuing education by October 31, 2016, her license will not be eligible for renewal.

5. Letter from Stacy Levesque Park dated June 28, 2016, requesting a continuing education extension

The Board reviewed a letter from Stacy Levesque Park requesting a continuing education extension. Board members noted that Ms. Park previously requested a continuing education extension. Unless Ms. Park submits the full 10 hours of continuing education by October 31, 2016, her license will not be eligible for renewal. There are ample opportunities for continuing education, including online continuing education, which the Board hopes Ms. Park will avail herself to.

6. Letter from Louisiana Department of Health dated July 5, 2016, scheduling a Task Force Meeting in accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65

A Task Force meeting has been scheduled for August 26, 2016. LBESPA's representative on the Task Force, Board Member Theresa Rodgers, will be in attendance.

7. Letter from Louisiana State Police dated August 1, 2016, noting that the fee for federal background checks has decreased from \$14.75 to \$12.00

Board members reviewed the information from the Louisiana State Police.

CONFERENCES:

LSHA (Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association)

1. Sponsorship request for LSHA's 2017 Annual Convention

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to sponsor continuing education at the LSHA Convention in 2017 for \$3,000 towards speaker expenses for the LSHA portion of the convention only. LBESPA monies cannot be utilized towards the ASHA Connect pre-conference sessions. LBESPA as a state agency cannot sponsor students.

FARB (Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards)

1. 24th Annual Regulatory Law Seminar, September 29 – October 2, 2016 in Chicago, Illinois

The Board has chosen not to send anyone to this conference.

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

1. 2016 NCSB Conference, Santa Fe, NM, October 20-22, 2016
2. State Information Exchange
The Board will discuss that the law has been revised to add criminal background checks, the board office moved, rules have been promulgated, there are now 4,000 active licenses, and telepractice regulation has been added.
3. Call for Board Member Nominations
Board members would like to nominate Vickie Pullins for President-Elect and Tracy Grammer for board member.
4. Call for Award Nominations
The Board has no award nominations.
5. Consideration to Host NCSB 2017
The Board will continue to discuss the possibility of hosting NCSB in 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 4:25 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: Theresa Rodgers, yes; Laura Gresham, yes; Tammy Crawford, yes.

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 5:10 p.m. to take the following actions:

1. Review of Pending Complaints
 - a. #2013-05
Board members reviewed copies of 10 hours of continuing education completed, as previously approved.

- b. #2016-05
Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to proceed with disciplinary proceedings pending discussion with legal counsel regarding unknown whereabouts of licensee.
- c. #2016-07
Removed from the Agenda due to lack of quorum with a board member recused.
- d. #2016-08
Investigation is still pending in this case.
- e. #2016-09
Board members reviewed questions submitted by licensee. Quest Diagnostics is appropriate for monthly screening and the licensee can submit the log format via email, USPS or directly to the office. Counseling appointments must have counselor initial for each visit or provide a log with a date with initials.

2. Review of New Complaints

- a. #2017-01
Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to refer this matter for investigation. Investigator needs to find out position and credentials for individual but not proceed unless she is an Audiologist.
- b. #2017-02
Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to have board staff contact Complainant to gather additional information and move to investigation if it has not been resolved.

3. Review of Applications

- a. ND
Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to issue ND's speech-language pathology assistant license.

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

Borna, Maya	7614	L-SLP	Difranco, Bridget	7615	L-SLP
Deviller, Alyssa	7616	PL-SLP	Young, Lindsey	7617	L-AUD/H.A
Harvey, Chelsey	7618	PL-SLP	Cordell, Katie	7619	L-AUD/H.A
Picard, Cali	7620	PL-SLP	Carlson, Kari	7621	PL-SLP
Carmichael, Cassia	7622	PL-SLP	Shauf, Lezlee	7623	PL-SLP

Ferrante, Rebecca	7624	PL-SLP	Souhlas, Victoria	7625	PL-SLP
Dronet, Natalie	7626	PL-SLP	Preuett, Abbie	7627	PL-SLP
Verett, Victoria	7628	PL-SLP	Longman, Merritt	7629	PL-SLP
Kennedy, Dara	7630	PL-SLP	Hill, Madison	7631	PL-SLP
Hollier, Lauren	7632	PL-SLP	Trahan, Amber	7633	PL-SLP
Phillips, Elizabeth	7634	L-SLP	Giampola, Stephanie	7635	PL-SLP
Griffin, Mary Virginia	7636	PL-SLP	Bernard, Kylan	7638	PL-SLP
Gremillion, Julia	7637	PL-SLP	Riley, Tiera	7639	PL-SLP
Laroussini, Simone	7640	PL-SLP	Breaux, Lezli	7641	PL-SLP
Hubbard, Shana	7642	PL-SLP	Bourque, Chelsie	7643	PL-SLP
Colip, Chelsea	7644	PL-SLP	Lahaye, Laura	7645	PL-SLP
Russo, Allison	7647	PL-SLP	Benjamin, Jennifer	7648	PL-SLP
Northen, Olivia	7649	PL-SLP	Mcconnell, Kevin	7650	L-AUD/H.A
Private, Jade	7651	PL-SLP	Dufrene, Janie	7652	PL-SLP
Taylor, Dusti	7653	PL-SLP	Cooper, Shannen	7654	PL-SLP
Bergeron, Jacie	7655	PL-SLP	Budgeon, Meredith	7657	L-AUD/H.A
Romero, Sarah	7658	PL-SLP	Vu, Stephanie	7659	PL-SLP
Hoggard, Stevie	7660	PL-SLP	Diamond, Liora	7661	PL-SLP
Josey, Brooklyn	7662	PL-SLP	White, Sarah	7663	PL-SLP
Spezio, Kimberly	7664	PL-SLP	Spring, Mary	7665	PL-SLP
Drummond, Dianna	7666	PL-SLP	Ulmer, Ashlyn	7667	PL-SLP
Snedigar, Julia	7668	PL-SLP	Veazey, Kristen	7669	PL-SLP
Wise, Shannon	7670	L-AUD/H.A	Guidroz, Sheri	7671	PL-SLP
Bursavich, Amy	7672	PL-SLP	Eppling, Bethany	7673	PL-SLP
Layfield, Keeley	7674	L-AUD/H.A	Heard, Stephanie	7675	PL-SLP
Grammer, Rachel	7676	PL-SLP	Roberts, Megan	7677	PL-SLP
Colvin, Alayna	7678	L-SLP	Brown, Mollie	7679	L-AUD/H.A
Arostegui, Amanda	7680	L-SLP	Bazzell, Kelsey	7682	PL-SLP
Bergeron, Victoria	7681	PL-SLP	Helms, Lauren	7683	PL-SLP
Stahl, Laura	7684	PL-SLP	Lee, Sarah	7686	PL-SLP
Oliver, Cara	7687	PL-SLP	Dorn, Genevieve	7688	PL-SLP
Levet, Jacqueline	7689	PL-SLP	Swilley, April	7690	PL-SLP
Tramel, Kristyn	7691	L-AUD/H.A	Soileau, Alex	7692	PL-SLP
Marchetti, Kristen	7693	PL-SLP	Bertelsen, Leigh Ann	7694	L-SLP
Alleman, Ashley	7695	PL-SLP	Godwin, Bernadette	7697	L-SLP
Polite, Elgustus	7698	PL-SLP	Lipoma, Baige	7699	PL-SLP
Huval, Katelyn	7700	PL-SLP	Kiger, Angela	7701	PL-SLP
Woods, Kristen	7702	PL-SLP	Wiest, Erin	7703	PL-SLP
Graham, Halen	7704	PL-SLP	Maloney, Jason	7705	L-SLP
Jackson, Jordan	7706	L-SLP	Boudreaux, Litany	7708	L-AUD/H.A
Langkopp, Justine	7709	PL-SLP	Rasansky, Brittany	7710	L-SLP
Green, Jessica	7711	L-SLP	Louviere, Shelbie	7712	PL-SLP

Faul, Kacey	7048	PL-SLP	Warren, Brittany	6439	PL-SLP
Meche, Ann	6268	PL-SLP	Simmons, Le'Kaja	6564	PL-SLP
Whittington, Alicia	6627	PL-SLP			

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant** licenses:

Payne, Ameliah	7646	PL-SLP Assistant
Dailey, Ne'Sha	7696	SLP Assistant
Collingsworth, Cricket	7707	SLP Assistant

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:

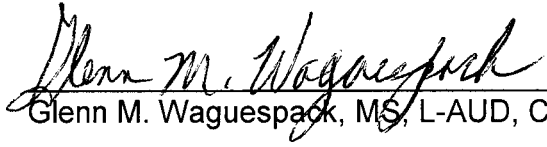
Broussard, Morgan	7351	L-SLP	Landry, Paige	7349	L-SLP
Maestri, Lauren	7305	L-SLP	Becnel, Gabrielle	7430	L-SLP
Rivault, Amanda	7560	L-SLP	Brochard, Lauren	7428	L-SLP
Lorio, Stephanie	7395	L-SLP	Higgins, Danielle	7409	L-SLP
Williams, Sarah	7394	L-SLP	Tran, Rebecca	6939	L-SLP
Webb, Kaci	7374	L-SLP	Hughes, Lesley	7290	L-SLP
Ellis, Lauren	7370	L-SLP	Lorio, Cydney	7386	L-SLP
O'Dowd, Molly	7387	L-SLP	Raves, Rachel	7213	L-SLP
McManamon, Sara	7393	L-SLP	Spahr, James	7211	L-SLP
Kitakule, Elizabeth	6989	L-SLP	Bowman, C'onda	7458	L-SLP
Oddo, Laura	7411	L-SLP	Comeaux, Brittany	7381	L-SLP
Buisson, Emily	7293	L-SLP	Brian, Aynsley	7380	L-SLP
Williams, Samantha	7445	L-SLP	Walding, Dianne	7429	L-SLP
Tate, Jessica	7467	L-SLP	Sanderson, Lindsay	7330	L-SLP
Wiltrout, Kathryn	7453	L-SLP	Soileau, Samantha	7431	L-SLP
Prados, Megan	7196	L-SLP	Preston, Amy	7434	L-SLP
Ericson, Bethany	7452	L-SLP	Richard, Victoria	7010	L-SLP
Holt, Sarah	7396	L-SLP	Burns, Gabrielle	7464	L-SLP
Heise-Jensen, Lea	7285	L-SLP	Sanaie, Mallory	7372	L-SLP
Jacobson, Shanna	7435	SLP Assistant	Fruge, Emily	7529	SLP Assistant
Ash, Melody	7497	SLP Assistant	Rials, Natalie	7555	SLP Assistant
Brown, Ginny	7499	SLP Assistant	Cassidy, Kate	7098	SLP Assistant

Motion was made Tammy Crawford, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

Jacobs, Tiffany	5040	L-SLP	Carter, Christal	5736	L-SLP
Hamilton, Thayne	2773	L-AUD	Jackson, Claire	6100	L-SLP
Bain, Keippi	2921	R-SLP	Blaze, Shawanna	6055	L-SLP
Lamothe, Janie	2177	L-SLP			

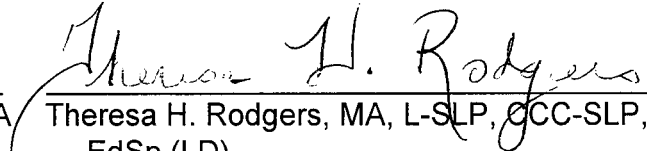
Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



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

Chairperson



Theresa H. Rodgers, MA, L-SLP, CCC-SLP,
EdSp (LD)

Board Member