

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

October 7, 2016

Attending:

**Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Chairperson
Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Vice Chairperson
Daphne Washington, L-SLP, Secretary/Treasurer
Tammy Crawford, L-SLP, Board Member
Theresa H. Rodgers, L-SLP, Board Member
Laura H. Gresham, Public Member
Vacant, Medical Advisor**

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Waguespack at 8:37 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. Ayn Stehr, the Board's Legal Counsel, was present for a portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was present to provide public comment.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as amended to add "9. Commission for the Deaf" and number "10. Licenses Not Renewed" to Admin Review, as well as "4. Email dated 10/07/2016 from Danny Duke" to Correspondence.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 27, 2016, as amended.

FINANCIAL:

1. Financial Statement for the period ended June 30, 2016
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the year ended June 30, 2016.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. **Executive Director Update**
Jolie Jones discussed the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) compliance review process with board members. Additionally, she indicated that an extension was requested to complete the Board's audit, as Susan Sevario, the Board's CPA, flooded and was unable to access the necessary records. All documents have been retrieved and the audit is in process.

2. LBESPA Processing

Board members reviewed a report indicating that 18 initial applications and 4 upgrade requests have been received since the August 27, 2016 board meeting. No applications were denied and none required additional information.

3,327 individuals renewed online and 277 individuals renewed by mail, for a total of 3,604 individuals renewed as of September 29, 2016.

67 audits were completed as of September 29, 2016, with 5 audits outstanding.

One complaint was received since the August 27, 2016 board meeting.

3. Update on LBESPA Vacancies

Daphne Washington has been reappointed to serve for a second term. Steve Harris' reappointment is still pending. Deanna Hardy is expected to be appointed once Laura Gresham's term ends.

4. Alternative Clinical Experiences re: Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

Board members reviewed a letter from Paula Currie of Southeastern Louisiana University. The Board applauds Dr. Currie for thinking of ways to enhance the opportunities given to undergraduate students enrolled in a pre-professional program; however, the Board will not accept anything other than 25 hours of observation, plus 75 hours of direct/patient client contact hours for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants.

5. Sub-Committee Updates

a. SLP Assistant Application

Theresa Rodgers is comparing applications and will give an update later.

b. Telehealth Registration Procedures

Daphne Washington reported that she has researched licensure boards in Louisiana and none have telehealth registration in place at this time.

The Texas Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board indicated that we could check back soon and Florida is in the process of doing a survey.

Need information about telehealth registrant's current state license, state of residence, questions from Act 442 about licensure comparability (standard equivalent to our state), setting(s) planned to engage in telepractice, and inquire where did they receive training to provide telepractice services?

c. Criminal Background Checks

Jolie Jones has researched other state's laws and rules and is preparing a comparison chart to give an update on this as we move forward with future rules promulgation.

d. Law Revisions

Board members prioritized future law revisions based on a list that Glenn Waguespack prepared. Ayn Stehr will need a list of what we intend to revise by the end of the year.

6. Update on Status of Law Changes in Practice Act

The Practice Act has been updated and now reflects the most recent changes to include updated qualifications for Audiology licensure and criminal background check requirements.

7. Discussion of Responses to SCR 65 Task Force Survey

Theresa Rodgers discussed the SCR 65 Task Force Survey and several concerns that have been addressed regarding removal of board members and cease and desist orders.

The Board needs to consider adding a statement for removal of board members.

The Board discussed the nomination and appointment process for board members. Ayn Stehr believes that there should be enough insulation with the professional association conducting the nomination and election process and the voting is open to all licensees of the Board. It is also a good practice that nominees are not required to be members of the Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA).

Future rules changes should include a continuing education rehaul and relook at continuing education extensions with staff authority.

8. Schedule 2017 Board Meeting Dates

2017 board meeting dates were scheduled for the following dates, all beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the board office in Prairieville, except where noted:

- Friday, February 10
- Friday, April 28
- Friday, June 2
- Saturday, August 5
- Friday, October 6
- Friday, December 1 in New Orleans

9. Commission for the Deaf

The Commission for the Deaf is looking for funding and reducing services and rates of reimbursement.

10. Licenses Not Renewed

Annually at the August meeting, an Agenda item will be included to give the staff specific authority to send out the October 1st lapse notice letter which will serve as a cease and desist notice. Anytime cease and desist orders are issued, we need to have a motion of the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email dated 9/26/2016 from Emily Rampmaier of LSHA re: continuing education

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to deny the request to make an exception to the continuing education hours being earned in July of this year. The renewal period is April 15th through June 30th. Hours accrued in July can count toward the 2017-2018 renewal period.

2. Email dated 9/27/2016 from Louisiana Physical Therapy Board re: EBAS The Board previously considered this and is not interested at this time.

3. Letter dated 08/01/2016 from Mary Ford re: Renewal Fee

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to deny Mary Ford's request for waiver of the delinquent renewal fee.

4. Email dated October 7, 2016 from Danny Duke

Board members reviewed an email from Danny Duke inquiring if there is a requirement to provide speech/language therapy services and how to maintain his licensure if he is not practicing in the profession. Mr. Duke will be required to submit supervision for the current year; however, if he is not providing speech therapy services, he will be required to submit a notarized statement in lieu of supervision with his annual renewal.

CONFERENCES:

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

1. Voting for Board of Directors

No ballot was available for consideration for Board of Directors.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to vote for Vickie Pullins for President-Elect and Tracy Grammar for Board Member. Jolie Jones was authorized to submit the official vote when the electronic ballot is received in the Board office.

SPALS (Speech Pathologists & Audiologists in Louisiana Schools, Inc.)

1. Letter requesting sponsorship of the 2016 SPALS 24th Annual Conference
Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to deny the request for continuing education sponsorship by SPALS, as it does not meet LBESPA's policy timeline.

FARB (Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards)

1. 41st Annual FARB Forum, January 26-29, 2017, San Antonio, Texas
The Board is interested in sending Deanna Hardy, the board's potential newest member, if appointed, to the FARB Forum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 2:10 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; Steve Harris, yes; Daphne Washington, yes.

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 5:25 p.m. to take the following actions:

1. Board/Staff Issue re: Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

Glenn Waguespack filed an administrative complaint, #2017-05, based on a phone call he received relative to the practice of Speech-Language Pathology Assistants in a specific school district.

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to send complaint #2017-05 for investigation.

2. Review of Pending Complaints

a. #2016-05

The Board is awaiting recommendation from legal counsel regarding proceeding with the disciplinary process with unknown whereabouts of licensee.

b. #2016-07

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to offer Respondent a Consent Agreement and Order for violation of: LA R.S. 37:2662.A.4., 2662.A.5., 2662.A.6., 701.E.1., 701.E.1.a., 701.E.1.l., 701.E.4., 701.E.4.b., and 701.E.4.j. The Consent

Agreement and Order will include successful completion of the Board's open book examination within 90 days, licensure suspension for one year, \$4,500 fine within two years, investigation costs in the amount of \$1,458.93 within two years, completion of 10 hours of continuing education, in addition to the required 10 hours for annual licensure renewal, with a concentration in AAC and Ethics. Reprimand shall include publication by LBESPA, notification to the Louisiana Speech-Language Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), the Department of Education, any employer(s) on record, and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).
Recused - Glenn Waguespack.

c. #2016-08

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to offer G.B. a Consent Agreement and Order for treating patients for dysphagia when no Modified Barium Swallow Study, Clinical Bedside Swallow Evaluation, or other assessment for Dysphagia had been performed. Additionally, when one of the patients was discharged from Tulane Inpatient Rehab, the patient tolerated a normal diet including thin liquids, yet GB treated the patient for dysphagia. Violations include LA R.S. 2662.A.3., 2662.A.4., 2662.A.5., 2662.A.6., 701.E.1., 701.E.1.c, 701.E.1.d., 701.E.1.i., 701.E.2., 701.E.3., 701.E.3.d., 701.E.3.e., 701.E.4., 701.E.4.b., and 701.E.4.j. The Consent Agreement and Order will include successful completion of the Board's open book examination within 90 days, licensure revocation for two years, \$10,000 fine, split investigation costs. Reprimand shall include publication by LBESPA, notification to the Louisiana Speech-Language Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), the Department of Education, any employer(s) on record, and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to offer M.M. a Consent Agreement and Order for treating patients for dysphagia when no Modified Barium Swallow Study, Clinical Bedside Swallow Evaluation, or other assessment for Dysphagia had been performed. Additionally, when one of the patients was discharged from Tulane Inpatient Rehab, the patient tolerated a normal diet including thin liquids, yet MM treated the patient for dysphagia. Violations include LA R.S. 2662.A.3., 2662.A.4., 2662.A.5., 2662.A.6., 701.E.1., 701.E.1.c, 701.E.1.d., 701.E.1.i., 701.E.2., 701.E.2.d., 701.E.3., 701.E.3.d., 701.E.3.e., 701.E.4., 701.E.4.a., 701.E.4.b., and 701.E.4.j. The Consent Agreement and Order will include successful completion of the Board's open book examination within 90 days, licensure revocation for five years, \$15,000 fine, split investigation costs. Reprimand shall include publication by LBESPA, notification to the Louisiana Speech-Language Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), the Department of Education, any employer(s) on record, and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

d. **#2016-09**

The Board approved First Lab for monthly screenings. Licensee said the counselor has recommended adjusting the amount of sessions, but must submit a letter of recommendation to the Board for consideration.

e. **#2017-01**

Complaint was withdrawn by Complainant, as the individual was not an Audiologist.

f. **#2017-02**

Complaint was sent to Investigator.

g. **#2015-05**

Complainant's license was revoked for failure to complete the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.

h. **#2016-02**

Board members reviewed continuing education for pre-approval. The Board denied "Ethics in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology" by Leslie Fauquet, as it is based on an old Code of Ethics which no longer exists and was significantly revised as of March 2016. All others courses presented were approved, but the Board recommends that Respondent take all of the coding ones to meet the requirements of the Consent Agreement and Order.

i. **#2017-03**

Jolie Jones informed the board members that Respondent signed the Consent Agreement and Order which was offered.

j. **#2013-05**

Board members pre-approved continuing education course entitled "Speech Pathology Service Delivery: Decision Making and Medicare Documentation Requirements for Patient Selection, Ongoing Treatments and Discharge Planning" submitted.

3. Review of New Complaints

a. **#2017-04**

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to accept complaint #2017-04 and refer this matter for investigation.

4. Review of Applications

a. **SC**

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to deny SC's application due to irregularities with the application.

b. NS

Motion was made by Steve Harris, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to issue NS's Provisional Speech-Language Pathology 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**:

Butler, Alakia	7713	PL-SLP	Deldar, Arianna	7714	PL-SLP
Daigs, Lakeisha	7715	L-AUD H.A	Stanley, Blake	7716	L-SLP
McGee, Meredith	7717	PL-SLP	Mardis, Mallary	7718	L-SLP
Davis, Jessica	7719	PL-SLP	Williams, Dustin	7720	PL-SLP
Martin, Whitney	7721	PL-SLP	Culpepper, Larkin	7722	PL-SLP
Potter, Jessi	7723	PL-SLP	Bergin, Beth	7725	L-SLP
Crochet, Kathryn	7726	PL-SLP	Clarke, Ashley	7727	PL-SLP
Peyton, Emily	7729	PL-SLP	Robertson, Elisabeth	7728	PL-SLP
Long, Jayde	7730	PL-SLP	Thompson, Tamara	7733	L-AUD
Griffith, Theresa	7736	L-SLP	Smith, Alice	7737	PL-SLP
Precht, Erin	7738	PL-SLP	Arnold, Amy	7739	PL-SLP
Carroll, Morgan	7740	PL-SLP	Nunnelee, Elizabeth	7741	L-SLP
Dodd, Elizabeth	7742	L-SLP	Waskom, Makellaw	7743	L-SLP
Fox, Heather	7744	PL-SLP	Brickey, Emily	7747	PL-SLP
Parsons, Olivia	7748	PL-SLP	Laterza, Erica	7749	PL-SLP
Tyson, Cara	7750	PL-SLP	Eberhardt, Laura	7751	L-SLP
Brown, Melanie	7752	PL-SLP	Granger, Austin	7753	PL-SLP
Bright, Jarvis	7756	PL-SLP	Hollingsworth, Heather	7754	L-SLP
Siegmund, Naomi	7755	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:

Jamison, Rebecca	7724	Provisional SLP Assistant
McCray-King, Breannaka	7731	Provisional SLP Assistant
Pareti, Jessica	7732	Provisional SLP Assistant
Adams, Jenny	7734	Provisional SLP Assistant
Olivier, Randi	7735	Provisional SLP Assistant
Knight, Katelyn	7745	Provisional SLP Assistant
Blanchard, Ashley	7746	Provisional SLP Assistant
Stove, Lania	6045	SLP Assistant

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

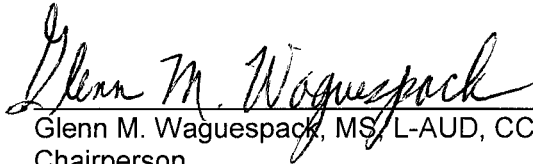
McCoy, Melissa	7160	L-SLP	Dickman, Danielle	7412 L-SLP
Harrison, Fallon	7047	L-SLP	Fontenot, Blaire	7415 L-SLP
Gioe, Kelly	7362	L-SLP	Lambert, Amanda	7457 L-SLP
Tabor, Isabelle	7438	L-SLP	McMillan, Blaire	7246 L-SLP
Burkett, Cheryl	7225	L-SLP	Haver, Kellie	7544 L-SLP
Pardon, Heather	7257	SLP Assistant		

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

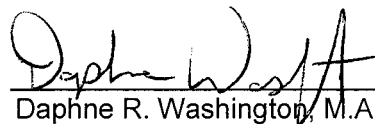
Lobianco, Latricia	1886	PL-SLP
Benton, Megan	6041	SLP Assistant

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 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