

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

June 9, 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**

Absent:

Vacant, Medical Advisor

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Waguespack at 9:00 a.m. in the Oaklawn Room at the DoubleTree by Hilton located at 1521 W. Pinhook Road, Lafayette, Louisiana. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, was present for the entirety of the meeting. Theresa Rodgers joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was present to provide public comment.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Stephen Harris and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as presented.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 29, 2016, as presented.

FINANCIAL:

1. Financial Statement for the period ended February 29, 2016
Board members were provided a copy of the Financial Statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ended February 29, 2016.
2. Financial Statement for the period ended March 31, 2016
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ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Executive Director Update
Jolie Jones updated the board members on a situation with Covalent Logic and the Board requested that a letter be sent to Covalent Logic with the concerns. One of the issues relates to copyright violation in that a picture from the LBESPA website was recently used on another website.

2. LBESPA Processing

Board members reviewed a report indicating that 97 initial applications and 42 upgrade requests have been received since the April 29, 2016 board meeting. No applications were denied and none required additional information.

1,171 individuals renewed online and 8 individuals renewed by mail, for a total of 1,179 individuals renewed as of June 9, 2016.

12 audits were completed as of June 9, 2016, with 57 audits outstanding.

Two complaints were received since the April 29, 2016 board meeting.

3. Better Hearing and Speech Month Ads

Board members reviewed the Better Hearing and Speech Month Ads that were published. Board members discussed the efficacy of the ads and the use of social media to reach consumers.

4. Update on LBESPA Vacancies

Steve Harris' term expired May 2, 2016, Daphne Washington's term expires August 22, 2016, and Laura Gresham's term expires November 10, 2016. Ballot responses will be accepted by LSHA through June 30, 2016.

A letter has been sent to the Governor's office regarding Dr. Anita Jeyakumar's resignation.

5. University Presentation(s)

Daphne Washington and Kerrilyn Phillips presented to second-year graduate students at Louisiana Tech University on May 19, 2016.

6. Legislative Update

a. Status of Rules Promulgation/Public Hearing 9-10
Meeting moved to August 20, 2016

b. Senate Bill 328, which would have made changes to the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act, was not called and is no longer active.

c. SB 223 of 2016 Regular Session of Louisiana Legislature Re-Engrossed
SB 223 of the 2016 Regular Session of Louisiana Legislature is awaiting the Governor's signature and will be effective August 1, 2016 upon signature. The Board will need to promulgate rules in response.

d. Senate Concurrent Resolution 65 of 2016 Regular Session of Louisiana
Legislature

A Task Force is mandated by SCR 65 comprised of all licensure boards under the umbrella of the Louisiana Department of Health. Theresa Rodgers has agreed to serve as the Board's representative.

- e. Update on Day at the Capitol
Theresa Rodgers and Daphne Washington both attended the Day at the Capitol. Ms. Washington presented on SB 223, the proposed revisions to the Practice Act.

7. TOEFL Scores

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to adopt the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) passing scores utilized by CGFNS International, Inc. for the Test of English as a Foreign Language administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) as reviewed by the board.

8. Deaf Education Alliance Conference

The Deaf Education Alliance Conference is scheduled for August 26-27, 2016 at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. The keynote speaker is Rachel Coleman who wrote *Signing Time* and *Signing Time for Babies*.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Email dated May 12, 2016 from Rosemary Kerrin related to recommendations for speech and language therapy services

Board members reviewed an email from Rosemary Kerrin related to recommendations from other providers for speech and language therapy services. LBESPA does not have the authority to make determinations about the scope of practice of professionals in other disciplines. When evaluation reports are received from other disciplines which include diagnoses and recommendations for speech-language therapy, such recommendations do not usurp the professional judgment of the speech-language pathologist. It is the speech-language pathologist's responsibility to determine if the child has a communication disorder which warrants speech-language therapy, and if so, to make the determination for requisite services.

It should be noted that almost all test manuals specify who may administer the instrument. Language tests frequently include psychologists, speech-language pathologists, and other professionals (usually stipulating a master's degree requirement) as qualified examiners.

School-based practice is governed by IDEA, Louisiana Bulletin 1706, 1508, and other applicable regulatory documents. Private practitioners and medical professionals are not bound by these mandates. If there are questions about specific professions, it would be best to contact the respective licensure board.

- 2. Email dated May 16, 2016 from National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) related to compliance review

Board members read compliance review information from the National Practitioner Data Bank.

3. Email dated May 16, 2016 from Wendy Adams related to an audiologist coordinating re-evaluations within a school district
LBESPA does not dictate who coordinates evaluations and reevaluations for various entities (with the exception of restricted duties for SLP assistants); however, Louisiana Bulletin 1508, Section 501.A.3. addresses this.
4. Letter dated June 1, 2016 from Robin McDowell regarding refund of application fee
Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers, and unanimously carried, to deny refund of application fee, as application fees are non-refundable.
Recused – Glenn Waguespack.

CONFERENCES:

LSHA (Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association)

1. LBESPA Presentation at LSHA

The Board's presentation is scheduled for Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. Glenn Waguespack will recommend that the joint presentation with ASHA Legislative Council be done as two separate events or be given more time in the future.

Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS)

1. Exhibit Request for SPALS 2016 Conference

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to have an unmanned exhibit table at the SPALS Conference.

Board members will begin working on a four page newsletter to include topics such as: SB 223, LBESPA office re-location, Task Force formation, rules hearing held August 20, 2016 with summary of changes, new online system (online applications, renewals, audits, etc.), as well as helpful tips such as maintaining continuing education in the licensee dashboard throughout the year.

CLEAR (Council on Licensure, Enforcement & Regulation)

1. Telehealth/Telemedicine 2016 Webinar

Theresa Rodgers and Jolie Jones gave an oral report on CLEAR's Telehealth/Telemedicine Webinar. Obstacles identified during the webinar relative to the utilization of telehealth included limited studies on outcomes, not all insurers cover telehealth, patients may lack the necessary technology, and there is a confusing regulatory environment. The presenter discouraged boards from creating a separate license or registration for intrastate telehealth, as telemedicine is defined as the practice of medicine. He also discouraged including specific technology, security and business models in regulations, as technology changes rapidly and the field of telehealth continues to evolve.

FARB (Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards)

Board members reviewed an article on the Effective Use of Consent Agreements.

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

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to send Glenn Waguespack, Theresa Rodgers, and Ayn Stehr to the NCSB Pre-Conference Workshop, and pay related expenses.

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to send Daphne Washington, Stephen Harris, Tammy Crawford, Jolie Jones, Glenn Waguespack, Theresa Rodgers, and Ayn Stehr to the NCSB Conference, and pay related expenses, contingent upon continued service on the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 2:35 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; Stephen Harris, yes; Tammy Crawford, yes; Daphne Washington, yes.

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 4:05 p.m. to take the following actions:

1. Review of Pending Complaints

a. #2016-04

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to accept supervision documentation submitted and release from the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order for successful completion.

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to grant licensure upgrade for BB to speech-language pathology assistant.

b. #2014-03

Board members reviewed a letter from Respondent and reconsidered the provisions of the Consent Agreement and Order that required her to retain a supervisor as a contingency of her employment. Board members did not make any changes to the Consent Agreement and Order.

c. #2013-05

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Laura Gresham and unanimously carried, to approve all continuing education activities except the HIPAA and Code of Ethics courses. The Code of Ethics course is a good one, but is based on

a Code of Ethics which has been drastically changed. The Board pre-approved 6 hours.

2. Review of New Complaints

a. #2016-07

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to send this matter for investigation. Recused – Glenn Waguespack.

b. #2016-08

Motion was made by Laura Gresham, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to send this matter for investigation.

3. Review of Applications

a. BL

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to issue BL’s speech-language pathology license.

b. SW

Motion was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Stephen Harris and unanimously carried, to deny renewal for SW based on the information submitted and offer a compliance hearing. The Board will have a special compliance hearing and Ayn Stehr will need to be present. The Board will try to schedule the hearing for Tuesday, July 12th or Friday, July 15th.

c. JG

Motion was made by Daphne Washington, seconded by Tammy Crawford and unanimously carried, to issue JG’s provisional speech-language pathology licensure pending receipt of employment date.

d. JR

Motion was made by Stephen Harris, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to deny upgrade of JR’s licensure based on documentation received.

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**:

Cullington, Michaela	7575	L-SLP	Olin, Nancy	7577	L-SLP
Nolan, Erin	7578	L-SLP	Wright, Lindsay	7579	L-SLP
McChesney, Katherine	7580	L-SLP	Saizan, Julia	7581	PL-SLP
Howard, Renee	7582	L-SLP	Morrison, Rebecca	7583	L-SLP
Kyle, Kelly	7584	PL-SLP	Lebourgeois, Kallie	7586	L-AUD H.A.
Musso, Amanda	7587	L-AUD H.A.	Pearce, Andrea	7588	L-AUD H.A.
Warren, Ada	7589	PL-SLP	Solomon, Shanece	7590	PL-SLP

Nunn, Lauren	7592	L-SLP	Maqsood, Zainab	7596	PL-SLP
Balhoff, Natalie	7597	PL-SLP	Larsen, Erin	7598	PL-SLP
Verret, Sarah	7599	PL-SLP	Toy, Alayna	7601	PL-SLP
Swillie, Emily	7602	PL-SLP	Paxton, Lauren	7603	PL-SLP
Fruchtnicht, Joel	7604	PL-SLP	Whitsell Hope	7605	PL-SLP
Nelson, Caroline	7606	PL-SLP	Lecoq, Bobbi	7607	PL-SLP
Lees, Marissa	7608	PL-SLP	Muirhead, Kimberly	7609	PL-SLP
Heckford, Rachel	7610	PL-SLP	Waggoner, Jessica	7610	PL-SLP
Law, Christine	7613	L-SLP	McDonald, Deshanna	7216	L-SLP

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

Smith, Karli	7591	PL-SLP Assistant	Sanders, Chelsea	7593	PL-SLP Assistant
Bordes, Arden	7549	PL-SLP Assistant	Houston, Kandace	7594	PL-SLP Assistant
Bonanno, Monica	7595	PL-SLP Assistant	Raziano, Lisa	6723	SLP Assistant

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

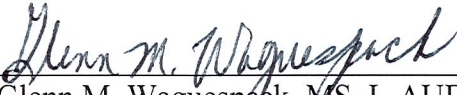
Miller, Kelly	7294	L-SLP	Young, Jessica	7389	L-SLP
Brown, Caitlyn	7437	L-SLP	Stephenson, Carlee	7416	L-SLP
McDonald, Rachel	7304	L-SLP	Harman, Emma	7363	L-SLP
Bailiff, Hannah	7388	L-SLP	Waldron, Britney	7355	L-SLP
Barr, Sarah	7358	L-SLP	Gutierrez, Melissa	7397	L-SLP
Martin, Nicole	7354	L-SLP	Serwan, Ashley	7413	L-SLP
Daigle, Danielle	7321	L-SLP	Blanchard, Brittany	7414	L-SLP
Stasi, Jade	7346	L-SLP	Nolan, Analicia	7422	L-SLP
Salter, Maggie	7446	L-SLP	Linkhard, Katie	7364	L-SLP
Johnson, Lakenya	7247	L-SLP	Eusea, Olivia	7350	L-SLP
Pitre, Corrine	7376	L-SLP	Rodrigue, Katie	6746	L-SLP
Chachere, Jessica	7379	L-SLP	Calhoun, Ellen	7427	L-SLP
Gilberti, Victoria	7367	L-SLP	Nastasi, Chelsea	7208	L-SLP
Cooper, Shayla	7470	L-SLP	Carrier, Haleigh	7353	L-SLP
Duke, Karren	7462	L-SLP	McGaha, Shelby	7365	L-SLP
Dorsey, Elinor	7404	L-SLP	Whitaker, Blaire	7391	L-SLP
Pugh, Alyssa	7444	L-SLP			

Motion was made Tammy Crawford, seconded by Steve Harris and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following license:

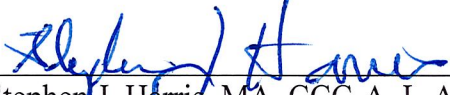
Gaines, Tiffany	5339	L-SLP
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Motion was made by Tammy Crawford, seconded by Daphne Washington and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



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



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