

**Meeting of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for  
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology  
June 2, 2011  
Hilton Boardroom at Hilton Shreveport**

Stephen Harris, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. Kerrilyn Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer, conducted roll call.

**Board Members Present:**

Stephen Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Chairman  
Verlencia Millet, L-SLP, Vice Chairman  
Kerrilyn Phillips, L-SLP, Secretary-Treasurer  
Jim Guillory, L-AUD

Theresa Rodgers, L-SLP

**Staff Present:** Emily Efferson

**Board Members Absent:**

Laura Gresham, Public Member  
Dr. Stanley Peters, Medical Advisor

**Agenda:**

**Motion** was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under Board/Staff Issues add item h. Presentation request, item i. Renewal update, and item j. Hearing aid legislation.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Jim Guillory and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 15, 2011 as presented.

**Public Comments:**

There were no members of the public present to comment.

**Financial:**

Members of the board reviewed the financial statements prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the months ending January 31, 2011, February 28, 2011, and March 31, 2011. Emily Efferson informed the board that the lease for the office is approved for five years at a rate of \$1,432.59 per month. She further advised that the new rate is \$101.69 per month greater than what the board has paid for the last ten years.

**Board/Staff Issues:**

- a. Newspaper Ad for Better Hearing and Speech Month Update – Members of the board were provided with a copy of the ad that ran in *The News Star* in Monroe, the *Town Talk* in Alexandria, the *American Press* in Lake Charles, and *The Advertiser* in Lafayette.
- b. 2011 LBESPA Annual Workshop – members of the board were provided a breakdown of the expenses for the workshop. The board had a net profit of \$1,146.63. The profit is attributed to the fact that number of participants was the highest in six years and that there were no presenters from out-of-state. The board members were also provided a summary of the evaluations completed by attendees.
- c. Risk Management/Liability Update – Ayn Stehr spoke with Steve Harris about indemnification and advised that she did not believe that the board needs liability insurance. Emily Efferson advised that the application for liability insurance has been submitted.
- d. University Presentations  
Theresa Rodgers revised the presentation, “Professional Licensure: How to Transition from School to Work” and provided board members and staff with a copy. Theresa Rodgers reported that she presented at LSU on May 5, 2011 to 15-20 students relative to transitioning from school to work; and at SELU on May 26, 2011 to 11 students taking a masters level course on professional issues including licensure and ethics. Kerrilyn Phillips reported that she presented at LaTech to 10 students on May 16, 2011.
- e. Training of assistants – A reminder should be sent stating that assistants must hold a bachelor’s degree and 100 clinical practicum hours to obtain a license and that a person must be licensed to go to work as an assistant.

**Compliance Hearings:**

At her request, a compliance hearing was scheduled at 10:00 a.m. for Kandace McKenzie; however, she did not show.

Caroline Geiger requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the board’s decision to deny her application for license. Sharon Aplin from Synergy attended the compliance hearing with Ms. Geiger. Ms. Geiger testified that she was unaware that her grace period lapsed. She was living in Arkansas at the time that she was offered a job in LA and applied for a LA license. She advised that she received the confirmation letter from the board stating that her application was received and that the clinical practicum hours were missing. She contacted her university’s department head and was assured that it would be faxed. Furthermore, Ms. Geiger advised that the check she remitted with the application was cashed, so she assumed that everything

she needed for licensure had been received. She testified that she didn't know anything was wrong until her employer told her to contact the board because something was wrong with her license. She drove to Dallas to get the clinical practicum hours document and drove the document to the board office. Ms. Geiger advised that she put a forwarding order on the Arkansas address in March, and that she changed address with the board last week. When questioned whether her attorney advised her about a typical board decision for practicing without a license, she replied that she had and that she understood she was in violation of the law.

**Executive Session:**

**Motion** was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Jim Guillory and unanimously carried, to enter into Executive Session at 11:08 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,

for discussion in regard to the report, development, or course of action regarding security personnel, plans or devices,

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 in to Executive Session: Theresa Rodgers, yes; Jim Guillory, yes; Kerrilyn Phillips, yes; and Verlencia Millet, yes.

**Motion** was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Jim Guillory and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:17 a.m. to take the following action:

**Motion** was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to issue Caroline Geiger a Provisional Speech-Language Pathology license conditional upon her entering into a Consent Agreement and Order. The terms of the order include a public reprimand, reporting, and open book exam with ethics portion. Furthermore, her professional experience eligible for upgrade starts from the date she signs the Consent Agreement and Order.

**Board/Staff Issues:**

- f. Update Regarding AMA's Scope of Practice Data Series: Audiologists – maneuver by AMA to limit others' scope of practice.
- g. Supervision form changes regarding proposed rule changes – To be eligible to supervise, speech-language pathologists must have a minimum of one year of

full-time professional speech-language pathology experience following the postgraduate professional/employment experience. Full-time employment in a school system for the school year is considered to meet this requirement.

- h. Presentation request from Layla Loe – Steve Harris will follow up with Ms. Loe regarding her request.
- i. Renewal update – Board members were provided with a report showing that as of June 1, 2011, 837 licensees out of a total of 3,485 licensees renewed their license. Verlencia Millet reported that she has completed 10 audits and has 6 pending. She has had to deny some hours, but it didn't cause the audit to fail because the licensees had more than the required hours.
- j. Hearing aid legislation HB276 – LSHA's lobbyist, Ayn Stehr, advised that she was successful in having language removed from HB276 that would allow audiologists to supervise hearing aid instrument techs, and give the hearing aid dealers board authority to discipline the audiologist.

#### **Conferences:**

##### Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR)

- a. 2011 Annual Conference – **Motion** was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to send Emily Efferson to the 2011 Annual Conference scheduled by September 8 – 10 in Pittsburgh, PA.
- b. Membership Renewal – **Motion** was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to renew membership.

Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) – **Motion** was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to send Ayn Stehr to the 19<sup>TH</sup> Annual Attorney Certification Seminar in Professional Regulatory Law scheduled for September 30 – October 2 in Park City, UT.

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

- a. 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – **Motion** was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Jim Guillory and unanimously carried, to send all audiology and speech-language pathology board members, the consumer member, attorney and board staff to NCSB.
- b. ASHA CEU Cooperative Activity – **Motion** was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to have LBESPA co-sponsor the NCSB conference as a cooperative offering for ASHA CEU's.

**Executive Session:**

**Motion** was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Theresa Rodgers and unanimously carried, to go in to Executive Session at 2:37 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,

for discussion in regard to the report, development, or course of action regarding security personnel, plans or devices,

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 in to Executive Session: Theresa Rodgers, yes; Jim Guillory, yes; Kerrilyn Phillips, yes; and Verlencia Millet, yes.

**Motion** was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:39 p.m. to make the following motions:

#### Licensure Problems

J.M. – Request verification of 20 hours of articulation, 20 hours in child language; outside of 25 hours of observation, verification of number of hours of face-to-face clinical practicum. Kerrilyn Phillips agreed to contact the applicant to obtain clarification.

#### New Complaint

**Motion** was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to accept Complaint #2011-07 and to send for investigation.

**Motion** was made by Verlencia Millet, seconded by Jim Guillory and unanimously carried, to release Laura Tircuit from Consent Agreement and Order #2011-03 effective June 30, 2011 because she successfully completed all terms of the order.

#### Review of Applications

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

Mickelson, Ashley	6440	L-SLP	Parejo, Kathryn E.	6441	PL-SLP
Braud, Amy	6443	PL-SLP	Hundley, Crystal G.	6444	PL-SLP
Boudreaux, Danielle	6445	PL-SLP	Schultz, Leah	6446	PL-SLP

Stevens, Deborah	6447	PL-SLP	Reich, Whitney H.	6448	PL-SLP
Kendrick, Bethany A.	6449	PL-SLP	Majoue', Megan P.	6465	L-AUD/HA
Heath, Emily Lynne	6466	L-AUD/HA	Butler, Naikai S.	6467	L-AUD/HA
Lingefelt, Sarah	6468	PL-SLP	Kebodeaux, Holly D.	6469	PL-SLP
Hebert, Nicole L.	6470	PL-SLP	Breazeale, Kayla	6471	PL-SLP
Stutzenbecker, Lisa	6472	L-SLP	Isaac, Martina G.	6473	L-SLP
Hayslip, Holli Lynae	6474	PL-SLP	Johnston, Morgan W.	6475	PL-SLP
Parks, Andrea	6476	PL-SLP	Nobles, Tiffany	6477	PL-SLP
Montez, Hillary Dawn	6478	PL-SLP	Pham, Jennifer T.	6479	PL-SLP
Pickering, Rebecca	6480	PL-SLP	Guillory, Erin	6481	PL-SLP
Laird, Lauren E.	6482	PL-SLP	Shockey, Danielle	6435	PL-SLP

**Motion** was made by Theresa Rodgers, seconded by Verlencia Millet and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for a **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant or Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant** license:

Brost, Selene A. 6442 PL-SLP Assistant Guillot, Renee 6483 PL-SLP Assistant

**Motion** was made by Jim Guillory, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to upgrade the following licenses:

Domec, Sarah L.	6290	L-SLP	Husted, Emily	6293	L-SLP
Mann, Stephanie	6336	L-SLP	Smith, Virginia	6314	L-SLP
Thomas, Tanesha	6234	L-SLP	Lagarde, Paula R.	5880	L-SLP
Pyfrom, Mary P.	6276	L-SLP	Fontenot, Paige M.	6271	L-SLP
Nations, Jessica W.	5949	L-SLP	Linn, Amber Neal	6267	L-SLP
Lay, Rachel	6275	L-SLP	Tureau, Caress	6426	SLP Assistant
Deville, Alexandra	6317	L-SLP	Abate, Kelly	6366	L-SLP
Hardy, Stacy R.	6285	L-SLP	Cox, Lauren N.	6289	L-SLP
Cook, Mable B.	6251	L-SLP	Evans, Natalie J.	5286	L-SLP
Michiels, Heidi	6296	L-SLP	Authement, Alicia	6237	L-SLP
Dart, Molly	6311	L-SLP	Epperly, Katrina	6312	L-SLP
Wright, Brittney	6300	L-SLP	Prince, Katherine	6351	L-SLP

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


Evans, Natalie J. 5286 PL-SLP Fletcher, Meghan 5296 L-SLP


**Motion** was made by Verlencia Millet, seconded by Kerrilyn Phillips and unanimously carried, to add hearing aid dispensing to the following license:

Moran, Nicole 3950 HA Disp

**Motion** was made by Kerrilyn Phillips, seconded by Jim Guillory and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:**

  
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Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP  
Chairperson

  
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Verlencia Millet, L-SLP  
Vice Chairperson