

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: February 10, 2015

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CST

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Ground Floor, Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynne Harmon, M.A., CCC-SLP, Chair, Speech Pathologist
Terri Flynn, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist
Mary Velvet Buehler, M.A., CCC-SLP/A, Audiologist
Julie A Crosby-Davis, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist
Valeria Matlock, Ed.D, Audiologist, Audiologist

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Hannah Lanford, Assistant General Counsel
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Yvette Hernandez, Acting Board Administrator

STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Custer, Board Administrator

Ms. Harmon, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes

There were no minutes presented to be reviewed.

OGC Report

There is one (1) open case in OGC, which was scheduled to be heard as a contested case hearing today, but has been continued to a future meeting. There are no cases that have been appealed to the Chancery Court. There are no consent orders or agreed orders to be presented.

A proposed Senate Bill, Bill 0167, as introduced, would exempt Audiologists and Speech Pathologists from the current Professional Privilege tax, beginning January 1, 2016. This bill would amend TCA 67-4-17. Ms. Crosby-Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to support the proposed Senate bill. The motion carried.

Ms. Lanford advised the Board that the rule change from the rulemaking hearing held by the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists in June is still at the Attorney General's office awaiting approval.

Ms. Lanford also advised that she has language proposals for several rules, to be addressed later in the meeting.

Investigative Report

There are no open complaints against speech pathologists or audiologists.

Monitored Practitioners

Investigations are currently monitoring four (4) practitioners , and all files have been audited and are up to date.

Administrative Report

As of February 4, 2015, there are 383 licensed audiologists, 2400 licensed speech pathologists and 109 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between December 1, 2014 and February 4, 2015, 30 Audiologists have renewed their licenses. Out of those 30, 19 licensees renewed online. For the same time period, 174 Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses. Out of those 174, 123 renewed online.

Newly Licensed

SPEECH

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Speech Pathologists. The motion carried.

Aertssens Stephanie Gray	5482	Gamble Sasha N	5158	Loewen Callie Lauren	5489
Antici Anna B	5104	Hansen Casey S	5204	Macconnell Melissa Anne	5459
Arthurs Kristen Denis	5486	Hazelitt Kiera Lu'Chan	5484	Mcpeters Ladonna S	5022
Blalock Heather M	5483	Henley Laura M	5049	Mendez Katherine R.G.	5159
Bright Rachel Frances	5452	Henry Gladys M	2904	Micinski Mary E	5456
Buttrey Jana M	5142	Horwitz Lacey Marie	5453	Morgenegg Beth A	5355
Claytor Carol S	5341	Hunt Mary K	5107	Peterson Elizabeth Anne	5498
Cobb Melanie M	5149	Johnson Sasha A	5197	Polk Rachel B	5092
Cooley Emilee Turner	5458	Jones Grimes Tangela M	2692	Saunders Charlene N	5186
Cowgur Sarah C	4937	Jordan Mary Eve	5491	Shaffer Shara Lynn	5478
England Lindsey D	5036	Jurkonis Krista A	5344	Stouffer Cheryl Ann	5497
Fletcher Lauren E	5220	Lander April R	5351	Van Der Merwe Amy M	5503
Fortney Sarah M	5367	Lax Mary P	5160	Woodling Emily Lucy	5454

AUDIOLOGY

Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Audiologists. The motion carried.

Cissom Angela Marie	1726	Partin Jessica Nicole	1720
El-Oqlah Sherri Michelle	1715	Sun Stephany L	1336
Miller Meredith Lynne	1722		

Reinstatements

SPEECH:

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to approve the presented list of reinstated Speech Pathologists. The motion carried.

Block Christina Pollak	2895	Ruth Kelley Grace	712
Campbell Danielle Lewis	3053	Sellers Julia D	1117
Cook Lynn Durham	665	Thomas Jennifer Rodgers	3128
Harris Tracy Nichole	2504	Warden Nancy T.	1471
Hurt Judith G.	2266	Wilson Jeanne Terese	2315

AUDIOLOGY:

Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the presented list of reinstated Audiologists. The motion carried.

Crutcher Skye Renee	1646	North Holly	1631
Dawkins Sarah E	1482	Tynes Casie K	1679

Task Force Update

There has not been much done with the task force for SLPA and tele-practice, due to the holidays. Dr. Matlock will be the head of the task force. The Board will email to Mr. Custer a list of potential members to invite to be a part of this task force.

Discussion regarding rules

Ms. Lanford provided the Board with proposed language to update some of the Board rules. The updated rule language would then be presented in a rulemaking hearing at a later Board meeting. The affected rules are as follows:

- Rule 1370-01-.08, regarding exams. After discussion on the proposed wording, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to accept the proposed changes and send to rulemaking. The motion carried.
- Rule 1370-01-.05, regarding procedures for licensure. After discussion on the proposed wording, Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to accept the proposed changes and send to rulemaking. The motion carried.
- Rule 1370-01-.14, regarding SLPA and supervision. After discussion on the proposed wording, Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to accept the proposed changes and send to rulemaking. The motion carried.
- Rule 1370-01-.04, regarding qualifications for licensure. After discussion on the proposed wording, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to accept the proposed changes and send to rulemaking. The motion carried.

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to adjourn at 10:49 a.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on May 5, 2015