

## TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

**DATE:** November 5, 2013  
**TIME:** 10:00 A.M., CST  
**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards  
Ground Floor, Poplar Room  
665 Mainstream Dr  
Nashville, TN 37228

**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, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist  
Valerie Matlock, Ed.D, Audiologist, Audiologist

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alex Munderloh, Assistant General Counsel  
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director  
Charles Custer, Board Administrator

Ms. Harmon, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **Rule Making Hearing**

A rule making hearing was conducted regarding the addition of language to Rule 1370-01-.10, which relates to Clinical Fellowships, Clinical Externs and Supervision. The new language specifies that a licensed Speech Pathologist (SLP) cannot supervise a new Clinical Fellow unless the supervising SLP has been licensed for a minimum of two (2) years following the completion of their Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY). With very little discussion amongst the Board members, and no public discussion, a roll call vote was made by the Board to accept the rule change as presented. The motion carried. The rule making hearing was declared ended at 10:15 a.m.

### **Minutes**

Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to approve the August 6, 2013 minutes as presented. The motion carried.

### **OGC Report**

There are no open cases in OGC and there are no cases that have been appealed to the Chancery Court. There are no consent orders or agreed orders to be presented.

The rules regarding tele-communication that were approved by the Board at a previous meeting are still awaiting approval at the Attorney General's office.

There is currently no legislation to report, as the General Assembly is not in session.

## **Investigative Report**

There are seven (7) open complaints against speech pathologists. There are two (2) open complaints against audiologists. There are no open complaints for Speech Language Pathology Assistants. There are also a few cases currently up for review.

## **Monitored Practitioners**

Investigations are currently monitoring four (4) practitioners on probation, and one (1) Board Order.

## **Administrative Report**

As of October 25, 2013, there are 373 licensed audiologists, 2234 licensed speech pathologists and 98 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between July 31, 2013 and October 25, 2013, 47 Audiologists have renewed their licenses. Out of the 47, 21 renewed online, giving a 44.7% renewal rate. For the same time period 218 Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses. Out of the 218, 119 renewed online giving a 54.6% renewal rate.

## **Newly Licensed**

### **SPEECH**

1	Adamski	Bethany	4887
2	Arrendale	Melissa	5162
3	Austin	Kylie	5095
4	Baptista	Alicia	4750
5	Bowling	Amanda	5082
6	Brown	Katherine	4996
7	Burdg	MaryAnne	5097
8	Buttrey	Brittney	5177
9	Campbell	Elizabeth	4885
10	Campbell	Jodie	4801
11	Campbell	Mary	5125
12	Cheek	Holly	4851
13	Clark	Bertha	157
14	Clark	Chrissie	4502
15	Coleman	Kendria	5056
16	Collier	Tammy	5181
17	Conger	Alyssa	4780
18	Courson	Lydia	5098
19	Daush	Lacey	5090
20	Dugard	Lauren	4738
21	Emerson	Carly	4871
22	Evans- McCune	Bethany	5085
23	Farmer	Courtney	4916
24	Gatlin	Mary	4861
25	Gianniny	Andrea	4790

26	Grogan	Leslie	5112
27	Hackney	Sarah	4882
28	Harris	Katherine	4879
29	Harrison	Meredith	4854
30	Hatfield	Deborah	5115
31	Henderson	Margaret	5116
32	Herr	Lindsay	5072
33	Hill	Katherine	4763
34	Holt	Tara	4714
35	Hudson	Megan	4740
36	Hughes	Stephanie	5139
37	Ingram	Eliza	4880
38	Jarrett	Andrea	4779
39	Jester	Elisa	5146
40	Kelly	Amy	5099
41	King	Sara	5017
42	Knight	Danielle	4796
43	Krawczyk	Susan	5100
44	Kreidel	Melissa	5152
45	London	Kristen	5084
46	Long	Caitlin	5161
47	Lyon	Dawn	5178
48	Mallory	Stacey	4757
49	Martin	Luke	5163
50	McDavid	Lauren	5151
51	McMurray	Ann	5165
52	Mefford	Amber	4892
53	Meredith	Matthew	4942
54	Meyer	Erin	5128
55	Millraney	Maggie	4764
56	Nelson	Jeanell	4853
57	Oddo	Mary	4903
58	Panasuk	Elizabeth	4791
59	Pinson	Sandrika	4580
60	Rainey	Davy	4782
61	Rawson	Melissa	5118
62	Reaves	Shannon	4759
63	Ritz	Chelsea	4864
64	Roach	Darlasue	5083
65	Rodgers	Jessica	4840
66	Saldana	Sara	5138
67	Sehorn	Connie	4785
68	Simpson	Angela	5179

69	Sparkman	Gwen	5071
70	Sweatman	Carissa	5180
71	Swift	Maryanne	4863
72	Taylor	Lauren	4884
73	Thiele	Holly	5045
74	Thomas	Nicolee	5129
75	Trantham	Monica	5140
76	Triplett	LeErin	3883
77	Wachsstock	Chaya	5041
78	Welch	Gemma	5103
79	Whyte	Sarah	5117
80	Wywrot	Laura	4899

**AUDIOLOGY**

1	Butler	Haley	1684
2	Craig	Samuel	1685
3	Dunn	Andrea	1683
4	Shepherd	Sarah	1686
5	Smith	Carey	1682
6	Tynes	Casie	1679
7	Wade	Anna	1687

**SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT**

1	Buck	Miranda	416
2	Dugan	Hope	398
3	Grider	Casey	418
4	Grimes	Hope	412
5	Kirkland	Susan	409
6	Moore	Erin	417
7	Painter	Courtney	407
8	Palumbo	Meredith	413
9	Robbins	Janelle	411
10	Shaw	Laurie	414

Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to approve the list of the new licensees. Motion carried.

**Reinstatements**

**SPEECH:**

1	Birdwell	Valerie	1938
2	Brandon	Terry	703
3	Fernandez	Susan	1026
4	Gahan	Jennifer	3045
5	Harper	Elaine	505

6	Hicks	Marion (Gayle)	2392
7	Lancaster	Kathryn	2654
8	Surber	Casey	3979

**AUDIOLOGY:**

1	Gresham	Jill	1416
2	Roberson	Gina	1019
3	Steele	William	1050

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the list of reinstatements. The motion carried.

**File Review**

The Board reviewed the application file for **Prajeesh Ramachandran, SLP Applicant**. Mr. Ramachandran’s transcripts are from India and the Board administrator asked the Board to determine if the foreign transcripts are equivalent to Board requirements. Upon review, the Board requested that Mr. Ramachandran submit proof that the university is accredited, either directly from the university or through the ASHA verification process.

The Board reviewed the application file for **Shelley Hurtado, SLP Clinical Fellow**. Ms. Hurtado’s application did not meet the requirement of the clinical practicum hours, by having only 358.50 clinical hours, whereas the Board requirement is currently 400 hours. Ms. Hurtado submitted a written request to the Board to count her 10 years of experience in school systems in lieu of the lack of hours. Upon review, the Board’s denied the request to allow experience in lieu of the required clinical practicum hours.

**Agreed Citations**

All of the Agreed Citations presented to the Board were for failure to obtain sufficient continuing education credit. All had made up the required hours and paid the appropriate civil penalty. These Agreed Citations are for the following licensees and/or registrants:

1	Aimee McInturff Biddle	2024	1185	0.5	\$100.00
2	Eran E Bodin	2023	2723	4	\$100.00
3	Grayson McCollum Bryant	2025	326	5	\$100.00
4	Kristen B Shores	2023	3641	5	\$100.00
5	Leslie C Barton	2025	339	1.5	\$100.00

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the following Agreed Citations presented before the Board – Biddle, Bodin, Barton. The motion carried.

Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to approve the following Agreed Citations presented before the Board – Bryant. The motion carried.

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to approve the following Agreed Citations presented before the Board – Shores. The motion carried.

## **Correspondence**

The Board reviewed an email from Ms. Harmon regarding auditory integration therapy. The Board supports the ASHA policy regarding this topic, and use of this therapy can be an ethical violation. The Board also asked if the administration staff can send out an email blast to all licensees to advise of this information as well. The Board decided to vote on this topic, and Ms. Flynn made the motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler to support the ASHA policy and send out the email blast. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an email from Dr. Whitney Mauldin inquiring about cerumen management by audiologists in Tennessee. As Dr. Mauldin was not present, the Board requested Mr. Custer obtain additional information before a discussion can occur.

## **New Business**

Dr. Matlock inquired about the Board's position on diagnosing Auditory Processing Disorder by an Audiologist or Speech Pathologist. The Board agreed that, while there is nothing in the Board's scope of practice relating to this topic, ASHA does have a policy statement, and the Board's position should be to accept the ASHA policy that only licensed audiologists should diagnose this. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn to accept the ASHA policy, and to include this policy in the newsletter.

Mr. Custer inquired of the Board the issue of allowing a Clinical Fellow to continue working as a CF after they have been issued the full SLP license. Mr. Custer advised the Board that an issue has arisen where the newly licensed individual is requesting to have the CFY extended, so that they may continue working and billing insurances until they have been credentialed. After discussion, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to state that the Board is in agreement that once an applicant has been approved for full licensure, that individual can no longer have their Clinical Fellowship extended.

## **Review Continuing Education**

The Board discussed allowing credit for preparation and presentation of a continuing education course. During the discussion, the Board heard from John Williams, on behalf of TAASLP, who advised how some other professions allow and utilize this type of continuing education. The Board agreed to set up a task force to review this and bring back to the Board at a future meeting.

## **Adjournment**

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to adjourn at 11:23 p.m. The motion carried.

*Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on February 11, 2014*