

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: February 10, 2009

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Poplar Room, Ground Floor
227 French Landing
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Dr. Melinda Richards, Speech Pathologist, Chair
Dr. Valeria Matlock, Audiologist
Dr. William Dickinson, Audiologist
Ms. Lynne Harmon, Speech Pathologist
Mr. Shorty Freeland, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Stacy Tarr, Board Administrator
Lucy Bond, Attorney
Barbara S. Maxwell, Administrative Director

Dr. Richards, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. All Board members were present. Dr. Richards welcomed the Board's new member, O.H. "Shorty" Freeland.

Al Partee, General Counsel, introduced Lucy Bond, attorney and Alison Cleaves, Chief Deputy, as those now responsible for advising this Board.

Election of Officers

Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to re-elect Dr. Richards as Board Chair. The motion carried.

Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to elect Dr. Matlock for secretary. The motion carried.

Review Minutes

Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to approve the November 18, 2008 Board meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried.

HIS Council Minutes

The Board reviewed the HIS Council minutes and expressed concern over the Council's deficit of balance on the financial report for fiscal year 2008.

Conflict of Interest

Ms. Bond reviewed the conflict of interest policy with the Board and asked the Board member to contact Mr. Partee, Ethics Compliance Office, if they had any questions.

Dr. Thompson and Mr. Freeland were asked to sign the conflict of interest form.

Office of General Council

With regards to the Board's statutory authority, Ms. Bond said the Board cannot deny applications for misdemeanor convictions, as the statute restricts authority to convictions for felonies.

Investigations

There are two (2) open complaints against speech pathologists and no complaints against audiologists.

Monitored Practitioners

Investigations is monitoring one (1) speech pathologist and one (1) person who practiced without a license.

Financial Report

\$69,991.82 was transferred to the State's General Fund leaving the Board with a carryover balance as of June 30, 2008 of \$9,986.78.

Administrative Report

There are currently 326 actively licensed audiologists, 1659 actively licensed speech pathologists and 55 actively registered speech language pathologist assistants.

Thirty-six (36) audiologists were audited from January 1 through October 31, 2008.

Thirty-one (31) were complaint and five (5) were non-compliant.

Sixty-two (62) speech pathologists were audited from January 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008. Forty-eight (48) were compliant and fourteen (14) were non-compliant.

Criminal Background Checks

The board considered amending the criminal background check policy to accept a name search for applicants who have two (1) fingerprint checks rejected.

Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, to amend the policy to allow a name search. The motion carried.

New Licensees

Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to approve the following newly licensed speech language pathologists, audiologists and speech language pathology assistant:

Speech Language Pathologists

Quinn, Jennifer	3772
Janda, Jennifer	3685
Fritchman, Amelia	3997
Davis, Tina	3446
Hughes, Marcea	4005
Moody, Terrance	3705
Suppa, Brin	3736
Buppert, Sydney	3746
Kimbrell, Allison	3991
Cooper, Susan	4002
Sanderson, Jamie	4004
Ewell, Melanie	4008
Childress, Lacey	4010
Risdon, Anita	3994
Allen, Sarah	3727
Davidson, Melanie	3813
Gray, Kenshell	3995
Bledsole, Erin	3695
Cassio, Christine	4003
Leatherwood, Jennifer	4009
Reynolds, Kajuanda	3825
Williams, Billie	3585
States, Angela	4015
Smith, Emily	3992
Giesemann, Jennifer	3808
Powers, Amy	3756
Casey, Tara	3798
Baugh, Amy	4019
Collins, Amanda	3658
Inman, Deborah	3658

Audiologists

Soria, Jeanne	1540
Branscome, Kjersten	1541
Thompson, Marjorie	1542

Speech Language Pathology Assistant

Rivalto, Stephanie 317

The motion carried.

Reinstated Speech Language Pathologists

Dr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harmon, to approve the following speech language pathologists whose license were reinstated:

Tara Roof
Jere Myers
Kimberly Donelson
Lisa White
Jill McCarthy
Jennifer Cullimore
Mary Turner
Kristin Reali

The motion carried.

Correspondence

In response to a request submitted in a letter dated January 20, 2009, Dr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harmon, to allow **Arlene G. Killings, SLP**, to make up the continuing education hours she failed to obtain in 2008 by June 2009. The motion carried.

In response to a request submitted in a letter dated December 31, 2008, Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to allow **Wanda Price, SLP**, to make up the continuing education hours she failed to obtain in 2008 by June 2009. The motion carried.

In a response to a request submitted in a letter dated January 6, 2009, Dr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dickinson, to allow **Denise Hensley, SLP**, to make up the continuing education hours she failed to obtain in 2008 by June 2009. The motion carried.

In a response to a request submitted in a letter dated January 10, 2009, Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harmon, to deny the request for a waiver/reduction from **Paige Irby** regarding the continuing education she would need to reinstate her retired license. The motion carried.

In a response to a request submitted in a letter dated January 25, 2009, Dr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dickinson, to deny the request for a waiver/reduction from **Amy Boles** regarding the continuing education she would need to reinstate her retired license. The motion carried.

Other Board Business

The Board formed a Task Force consisting of Dr. Matlock, Mr. Freeland, Ms. Harmon, Ms. Bond and Ms. Tarr to review the rules to determine if amendments are needed pertaining to reinstating a retired license and ASHA certification.

Schedule 2010 Board Meeting Dates

The Board scheduled the following dates for 2010:

February 9, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Iris Room

May 11, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Iris Room

August 10, 2010

10:00

Iris Room

November 9, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Iris Room

Dr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Freeland, to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences at the May 12, 2009 board meeting.