

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: November 20, 2007

TIME: 9 a.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Dr. Melinda Richards, Speech Pathologist, Chair
Dr. Brian Burkey, Physician
Dr. Mary FinoSzumski, Audiologist
Dr. William Dickinson, Audiologist
Dr. Herbert Gould, Audiologist
Ms. Paulette Dobbins, Speech Pathologist

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Ms. Nakeda Kirby

STAFF PRESENT: Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director
Stacy Lannan, Board Administrator
Lexie Whittemore, Advisory Attorney

Dr. Richards, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. A sufficient number of members were present to constitute a quorum.

Review August 21, 2007 Minutes

Upon review of the August 21, 2007 board meeting minutes, Dr. Burkey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gould, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Hearing Instrument Specialists, March 8, 2007 & June 14, 2007 meeting. There was no action taken on the minutes as they were presented to the Board for their information only.

Conflict of Interest Policy Statement

Ms. Whittemore reviewed the conflict of interest policy with the Board which requires all Board members to disclose any potential conflict of interest they may have that could affect the performance of their duties as Board members.

Office of General Counsel Report

Ms. Whittemore stated Rule 1370-1-.01, .03, .10, .14, .19 pertaining to titles, stays, alternate supervision and longer clinical fellowships are currently being reviewed in the Office of General Counsel due to the transition.

Ms. Whittemore stated there are currently no open cases pertaining to the Tennessee Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences.

Investigative Report

Ms. Stone reviewed the Disciplinary Report stating there were two complaints that were carried over from 2006 and both cases were closed in February 2007 so there are currently no cases open in investigations at this time.

Ms. Stone stated for audiology, we received one case in December 2006 that is still open at this time.

Disciplinary Report

Ms. Stone reviewed the Disciplinary Report stating there are three (3) practitioners currently being monitored.

Administrative Report

Ms. Lannan stated for audiologists there are currently 305 active licensees, 131 retired, 219 failed to renew and 9 revoked. For speech pathologists, there are 1555 active licensees, 865 retired, 858 failed to renew and 10 revoked. For speech language pathology assistants, there are 55 registered, 10 retired and 196 failed to renew.

Ms. Lannan stated between August 1, 2007 and November 6, 2007, 49 audiologists, 8 speech pathologists, and 1 SLPA renewed their license online.

Ms. Lannan stated one issue to be addressed by this board today is the progress report on the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists selection of practicum.

Dr. Richards stated at the August 21, 2007 board meeting, the board charged me to contact the chairman of the Hearing Instrument Specialists Board. The report that I have

to give, is that I have no information. I tried to contact Mr. Haltom by e-mail and phone in mid September and haven't heard back from him.

Upon discussion, Dr. Burkey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gould, for Dr. Richards to write a letter to pursue this formally. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Ms. Tittle reviewed the Financial Report with the board stating there is a cumulative carryover from June 30, 2007 of \$80,390.10.

Upon discussion of grants, it will be sunshined for the next board meeting to discuss.

Rules

Upon review of the rules regarding increased in practicum, clinical externs, supervision and conditions imposed upon disciplined licensees, Dr. Burkey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gould to have Ms. Whittemore make numerous amendments to the rules for review by the board at the next scheduled meeting. The motion carried.

Dr. Gould thanked all the members involved in the task force meeting, they really worked hard that day.

Dr. Richards thanked Dr. Gould for chairing the task force committee; she stated they did a monumental job.

Review/Ratify Newly Licensed

Upon review, Dr. Burkey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gould to ratify the following newly licensed:

Speech Pathologists

1. Arberg, Corbin- 3545
2. Batts, Helen- 3530
3. Beard, Melissa- 3413
4. Blakenship, Alicia- 3462
5. Brandon, Jennifer- 3781
6. Chapman, Cassandra- 3571
7. Christopher, Patricia- 3779
8. Cloar, Jennifer- 3766
9. Conrow, Rebecca- 3751
10. DeRiesthal, Michael- 3763
11. Driggins, Sylvia- 3778
12. Eid, Monique- 3761
13. Elkington, Alison- 3486

14. Glass, Angela- 3535
15. Goodman, Caroline- 3744
16. Gorrie-Dotson, Meriah- 3601
17. Gualdoni, Megan- 3517
18. Hacker, Janna- 3725
19. Hamby, Ellen- 3787
20. Hooks, Vanessa- 3590
21. Kendall, Martha- 3733
22. Kropp, Janet- 3566
23. Lake, Joslin- 3752
24. Leach, Jodi- 3557
25. Liles, Tina- 3579
26. Manley, Carolyn- 3750
27. Manning, Valerie- 3533
28. May, Shonna- 3464
29. McCulley, Lesli- 3760
30. McMahan, Kandi- 3789
31. Moore, Andrea- 3541
32. Moore, Heather- 3748
33. Olinger, Tasha- 3478
34. Outman, Tracey- 1340
35. Overstreet, Jennifer- 3152
36. Parker, Rhonda- 3550
37. Pawlowski, Michelle- 3740
38. Puchaev, Bella- 3730
39. Raby, Laura- 3775
40. Roberts, Sabrenia- 3721
41. Short, Lauren- 3576
42. Sims, Anna- 3532
43. Smallbone, Jennifer- 3595
44. Smith, Judy- 3743
45. Stetzel, Elizabeth- 3739
46. Toombs, Tanya- 3754
47. Ward, Courtney- 3559
48. Wilkerson, Melissa- 3682
49. Wojcik, Eva- 3560
50. Zielinski, Emily- 3524

Audiologists

1. Bolek, Lauren- 1494
2. Cooke, Sherrie- 1496
3. Gabler, Kenneth- 1456
4. Holmes, Joseph- 1493
5. Kendall, Martha- 3733
6. Kerwin, JoAnn- 1462

7. Noble, Haley- 1454
8. Phillips, Rachel- 1495
9. Roberts, Caroline- 1497
10. Tallent, Anne- 1498

SLPA

1. Cothron, Leslie- 306
2. Hopson, Sara- 307
3. Overbay, Jonathan- 308
4. Simmons, Jordan- 309

The motion carried.

Review/Ratify Reinstated

Upon review, Dr. Burkey made the motion, seconded by Dr. Fino-Szumski, to ratify the following reinstated:

Speech

1. Beasley, Jeri- 1401
2. Lipford, Janice- 2619
3. Mahan, Charlotte- 378
4. Mills, Elizabeth- 1347
5. Vitrano, Jennifer- 2321
6. Walsh, Katherine- 3008
7. White, Lisa- 2542

Audio Reinstatement

1. Soto, Stephanie- 1071

The motion carried.

Closed Files

Upon review of the files to be closed, Dr. Burkey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gould, to close the following files:

Expired Speech Applications

1. Bryant, Britany- 3551
2. Driggers, Penny- 3720
3. Keys, Rachel- 3683

Expired CFY's

1. Grimes, Patricia- 3498

The motion carried.

Review Licensure Files

Upon review of the file for **Derrick McDaniel**, Dr. Burkey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dobbins, to delay the application for further information from Kentucky regarding CE probation and we need his official transcripts. The motion carried.

Dr. Richards recused herself from the file review of Lori Sleuder.

Upon review of the file for **Lori Slueder**, Dr. Burkey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dobbins, to approve Lori Slueder for licensure as a speech pathologist. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed their rules regarding reinstating a license. The Board discussed the possibility of changing their rules regarding reinstating a license after 5 years. This topic will be sunshined for next Board meeting.

Upon review of the application for **Katrina Nobel**, Dr. Burkey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dobbins, to delay the application for Katrina Nobel due to extenuating circumstance. Ms. Nobel will need to contact World Education Services and take the Praxis examination to be considered for licensure as a speech pathologist. The motion carried.

Dr. Dickinson recused himself from reviewing the letter from Barbara Buell.

Upon review of the letter from **Barbara Buell**, she will need to go thru Office of Investigations to make sure she is compliant with her order.

Discuss changing May meeting

Ms. Lannan requested the board change the date of the May meeting due to conflicting schedules with the administrator. Upon discussion, the board agreed to change the meeting date to May 27, 2008.

With no other board business to conduct, Dr. Gould made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fino-Szumski, to adjourn at 1:55pm. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences at the February 12, 2008 board meeting.

