

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: November 10, 2009

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CST

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

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Dr. William Dickinson, Audiologist
Dr. Valerie Matlock, Audiologist
Paulette Dobbins, Speech Pathologist
Lynne Harmon, Speech Pathologist
Terri Philpot, Speech Pathologist
O.H. Freeman, Citizen Member

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Stacy Tarr, Board Administrator
Elizabeth Miller, Director of Health Related Boards
Lucy Bond, Office of General Counsel
Diona Layden, Office of General Counsel
Barbara Maxwell, Director of Board of Communication Disorders
and Sciences

Dr. Dickinson, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dobbins, to approve the August 11, 2009 minutes as written. The motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

Ms. Bond reviewed the conflict of interest asking any Board member to disclose any conflict in any matter coming before the Board.

OGC Report

Ms. Bond introduced Diona Layden, the Board's new advisory/litigating attorney. There is currently one (1) open case for the Board which has been set for hearing at the February 9, 2010 meeting.

The rule amendments pertaining to definitions, scope of practice, necessity of licensure, qualifications for licensure, procedures for licensure, clinical fellowships, supervision and disciplinary actions were sent to the Attorney General May 15, 2009, for review and approval.

A subcommittee of the Board met on July 20, 2009, to review the Board's rules. The draft proposed changes being reviewed.

Investigative Report

There are five (5) open complaints in Investigations against Speech Pathologists and one (1) against an Audiologist.

Disciplinary Report

There are two people being monitored; one (1) practitioner whose license has been revoked and one (1) person who was practicing without a license.

Administrative Report

There are 337 Audiologists and 1726 Speech Pathologist actively licensed. There are 49 registered Speech Language Pathology Assistants.

The continuing education audit from January 2009 through June 2009 has been completed. Twenty (20) Speech Pathologists were audited and sixteen (16) were compliant. Fourteen (14) Audiologists were audited and twelve (12) were compliant. Five (5) Speech Language Pathology Assistants were audited and four (4) were compliant.

The Board discussed allowing all courses to be taken online. Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to defer action on the matter in order to gather more information regarding online continuing education for presentation at the next meeting. The motion carried.

Review/Amend Speech Language Pathology Assistant Registration Form

The Board discussed the registration form for an applicant who applied for a speech language pathologist assistant prior to obtaining the hundred (100) hours. The applicant was sent a letter stating her registration would be issued upon receipt of completion of the one-hundred (100) hours. Upon review of the registration form, the Board determined to take up any such problems on a case by case basis instead of revising the form.

Review/Approve Newly Licensed Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists

Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the following new licenses for Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists:

Speech Pathologists

**Katie Allen
Rachel Alstott
Pamela Avery
Sarah Bajenski
Katherine Baker
Courtney Blevins
Kameron Carden
Tammie Cox
Carol Deakin
Susannah DeNobriga
Rebecca Griffone
Michelle Gutmann
Stacy Haas
Ashley Harrington
Catherine Hipsher
Jennie Holmes
Jessica Hopkins
Paige Irby
Ebond Johnson
Paula Keim
Any Key
Megan King
Becky Kirtlan
Kripa Krishnan
Kelly Leavy
Angelia Lewis
Lisa Lynch
Tracy Makenzie
Laura Manning
Jennifer McCormick
Hallie McCullough
Ashley McGrath
Michelle Milam
Jessica Miller
Karen Montague
Christen Page
Twyla Perryman
April Phillips
Brett Sheroky
Jennifer Simmons
Crystal Starnes
Katie Stilwell
Teresa Tabor
Shannon Taylor**

**Amanda Terrill
Tracy Travis
Kristen Wheeler
Jocelyn Woodrum
Adrian Yocum**

Audiologists

**Karen Brandt
Richard Delk
Trisha Fields
Ericca Hardee
Michele Henry
Lori Krug
Elina Mindlina
Jennie Newton
Kelley Powell
Rachel Sievers
Rachel Tuberville**

The motion carried.

Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Matlock, to approve the Speech Language Pathology license for **Shannon Taylor** pending receipt of her criminal background check. The motion carried.

Review/Approve Reinstated Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists

Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harmon, to approve the following reinstated Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists:

Speech Pathologists

**Alisha Cheatam
Sherry Craig
Shannon Elders
Deborah Howe
Michelle Hudson
Milhorn Lefler**

Audiologist

Nicole Robbins

The motion carried.

Lapsed License Agreed Citation

Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to accept the Agreed Citation and \$100 civil penalty for **Andrea Hedley Williams, Audiologist**, for working on a lapsed license. Dr. Dickinson recused himself as Ms. Williams is a colleague. The motion carried.

2009 Continuing Education Audit Agreed Citations

Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Freeland, to accept the Agreed Citation and \$100 civil penalty upon completion of ten (10) hours of continuing education in ninety (90) days for **Cynthia Gore, Audiologist**. The motion carried.

Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harmon, to accept the Agreed Citation, \$100 civil penalty and requirements to complete ten (10) hours of continuing education in ninety (90) days for **Kathy Bessom, Speech Language Pathologist**. The motion carried.

Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the Agreed Citation, \$100 civil penalty and requirements to complete three (3) hours of continuing education in ninety (90) days for **Bridget Lee, Audiologist**. The motion carried.

With no other board business to conduct, Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences at the February 9, 2010 board meeting.