



**Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
77 South High Street, 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215**

Board Meeting Minutes of Thursday, March 10, 2016

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m. by Chairperson, Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., held at the Hilton-Columbus at Easton Town Center, 3900 Chagrin Drive; Columbus, Ohio 43219.

Board Members – Roll Call:

Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, ABA, FAAA, Audiology Board Member and Vice Chairperson – present at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Lisa A. Froehlich, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

Angela N. King, Public Member

Helen L. Mayle, Public Member

Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Chairperson

Barbara L. Prakup, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

Carrie L. Spangler, Au.D., CCC-A, FAAA, Audiology Board Member

Linda L. Wellman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

Also Present:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Board acknowledged and welcomed Davida Weaver, president of the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association.

AGENDA

The agenda for the March 10, 2016, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

Ms. King moved to accept the agenda as submitted. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 28, 2016 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion #2

Dr. Wellman moved to accept the minutes of the January 28, 2016 board meeting. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Dr. Karen Mitchell welcomed new board member, Barbara Prakup, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, who was appointed in February. Dr. Prakup introduced herself to the Board. Dr. Mitchell thanked the staff for their preparation of the board meeting. She thanked Dr. Froehlich, Mr. Thornton, Ms. Stansberry, and Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Hawkinson for their hard work on the Investigative Review Committee. She also thanked Darlene Young and Brandy Thomas for their team effort in preparing for licensure applications from university graduates. She expressed her appreciation to Mr. Thornton for providing ethics presentations to licensees.

Dr. Mitchell gave the following acknowledgement to Christina Maudlin.

It recently came to the Board's attention of the passing of Christina Maudlin on November 11, 2015. Christina was working on her master's degree in speech-language pathology at the University of Cincinnati.

During the summer of 2014, the Board had the unique opportunity to work with Christina through her creativity, design, and layout of an advocacy bookmark. The advocacy bookmark was developed through the collaboration of the licensure board, Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association, Ohio School Speech Pathology and Educational Audiology Coalition, the Ohio Speech-Language Pathology Supervisory and Audiology Network, and university partners. Finalized and first distributed in December 2014, the bookmark conveys the essential role and diverse services that speech-language pathologists provide to students from pre-K to 12th grade to ensure their academic success. Over 3,000 advocacy bookmarks that Christina designed have been distributed throughout Ohio to consumers, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and school administrators.

Christina was regarded for her great love for children and wanted to dedicate her life working with children. On January 21, 2015, the Board expressed its appreciation to Christina for her creative work on the advocacy bookmark. We now wish to have our appreciation and acknowledgement of Christina's contributions on the advocacy bookmark formally noted in the Board's official meeting minutes, this 10th day of March, 2016.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thornton submitted a written report of significant activities occurring since the last Board meeting. He provided updates regarding:

- Significant meetings, presentations, and events;
- Legislative and media contacts;
- Year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2016;
- Number of license verification letters issued for FY2016;
- Significant legislation;

- Status of the new eLicensing 3.0 system;
- Board Appointments;
- Business Filing Statements for 2015;
- Financial disclosure statements for 2015

INVESTIGATIONS

A. Executive Session

Motion #3

Dr. Karen Mitchell moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against licensees, involving pending or imminent court action under R.C. §121.22.(G)(3), and which requires that such matters be kept confidential under R.C. §149.43.(A)(2). Ms. Mayle seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Ms. Brown: not present; Dr. Froehlich: yes; Ms. King: yes; Ms. Mayle: yes; Dr. Prakup: yes; Dr. Spangler: yes; Dr. Wellman: yes; Dr. Karen Mitchell: yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. and invited the Board staff to remain in attendance, along with Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Esq.

The Board returned to Public Session at 10:22 a.m.

B. Board Actions

Previously Heard by the Board

2016-40

This case involves an audiologist, who self-reported criminal conviction involving moral turpitude. At the January 28, 2016 meeting, the Board agreed with the Investigative Review Group Committee's following recommendation:

- *Propose a Consent Agreement in lieu of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing;*
- *Suspend license for 5 years;*
- *After 6 months of completion of his sexual offender treatment program, may apply for modification of his suspension;*
- *Must submit verification of his successful completion of his sexual offender treatment program by a provider experience in sex offender specific treatment;*
- *Must submit a new sexual offender risk assessment completed by a Board Certified psychiatrist with experience in sexual offender assessments;*
- *The board may modify or deny the modification of his suspension. If board denies the request for modification, he will be offered the opportunity for Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 hearing;*
- *If Board agrees to modify, the Board may set any additional conditions, including but not limited to that he have staff or another adult present if/when he treats children under the age of eighteen;*

- *The licensee shall execute a release that the treatment program report and the new sexual offender assessment be released directly to the Board from the providers;*
- *The Consent Agreement must be signed and returned to the board office within 15 days of receipt;*
- *If the terms of the Consent Agreement are not accepted, a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing will be issued.*

The Respondent agreed to the terms and signed his Consent Agreement, agreeing as follows:

- He may apply to the Board for modifications of his suspension no earlier than one year from February 22, 2016. If he has served at least six months of his suspension, and has completed the sexual offender treatment program, and has submitted to the Board a new sexual offender risk assessment as set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Consent Agreement, he may apply to the Board for a modification of his suspension on or after August 22, 2016.

Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends the Board accept his signed Consent, keeping the case open for Monitoring.

Motion #4

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case number 2016-40. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Froehlich abstained.

2016-42

This case involves a speech-language pathologist, working in a school district (District) during the 2014/2015 school year who:

- Documented speech therapy services rendered for a student under an Individualized Education Program (IEP), during dates/times the student was not in the school building;
- Did not provide services as indicated on the District's service documentation log;
- Did not provide the specially designated instruction outlined in the IEP, e.g., provided less than the required 120 minutes per month of speech services for seven months.

She obtained speech-language pathology licensure June of 1982. This is her first offense.

Accordingly the Investigative Review Group recommends issuing a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to reprimand, place on probation, suspend or revoke her speech-language pathology license for violation of Ohio Revised Code section 4753.10 (B), (E)(1) and (2), (I) and (M), and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4753-3-08 (B)(E)(1) and (2), (I) and (M); 4753-9-01(A)(5), (6), (7)(b), (B)(1)(a), (2)(a) and (6)(a)(iii).

Motion #5

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case number 2016-42. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Froehlich abstained.

C. Investigative Report – Mr. Thornton

OPENED

Cases since the last Board Meeting 1/28/2016

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CLOSED	Cases since the last board meeting 1/28/2016	4
TOTAL Open Cases	After closing any cases today (includes referrals)	26
Consumer Complaints	Of total open cases	13
Referrals	Of total open cases	13

Of the cases currently open, the Investigative Categories are listed below:

Application Requirement Not Met	2
Billing Fraud	4
Continuing Education Violation	4
Conviction Application Review	0
Conviction	1
False or Misleading Advertisement	1
Falsified/Misleading Application and/or PEY Paperwork	0
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	1
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Other	1
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	0
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	3
Unlicensed Practice	0
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	9

Update of Cases Previously Heard by the Board

The following two speech-language pathologists did not appeal their Adjudication Orders, effective January 28, 2016, issued February 5, 2016: Case number 2016-35 Julie Ford, SP.8953 and Case number 2016-36 Linda Miller, SP.5593.

Since the last meeting – Other Enforcement Activities and/or Outcome of some of the closed cases

- 2 Cease and Desist letter compliances
- 1 Warning letter to a PEY Supervisor

Referrals to Investigations since the last board meeting:

- None

LICENSURE APPROVAL – Karen Mitchell

A. License Review

Speech-Language Pathology

Motion #6

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on February 1, 2016, February 16, 2016 and March 1, 2016. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SP.11974	Theresa Seinlee Wharton	2/1/2016	
SP.11975	William Walter Bolden III	2/1/2016	
SP.11976	Megan Christine Hach	2/1/2016	
SP.11977	LeAnn Rochelle Gamble	2/1/2016	
SP.11978	Rachel S. Barrocas	2/1/2016	
SP.11979	Patricia Ann Couch	2/1/2016	
SP.11980	Leah Michele Beekman	2/1/2016	
SP.11981	Brooke A. Lang	2/1/2016	
SP.8025	Cynthia A. Brown	2/1/2016	<i>Relicensure</i>
SP.11982	Jennifer L. Green	2/16/2016	
SP.11983	Megan Elizabeth Hurley	2/16/2016	
SP.11984	Kara Ann Oksanen	2/16/2016	
SP.11985	Jessica Ruth Gutai	2/16/2016	
SP.11986	Jo Ellen Eichberger	2/16/2016	
SP.11987	Kara Lyn Greaves	2/16/2016	
SP.11988	Nicole Lee Cyphert	2/16/2016	
SP.11989	David Paul Negrelli	2/16/2016	
SP.11990	CeCelia Ann Schuh	2/16/2016	
SP.11991	Christian Elizabeth Wilson	2/16/2016	
SP.0842	Catherine B. Osburn	2/16/2016	<i>Relicensure</i>
SP.7788	Kelley Lynne Gillum	2/16/2016	<i>Relicensure</i>
SP.11992	Marika JoBeth Roll	3/1/2016	
SP.11993	Emily Christine March	3/1/2016	
SP.11994	Abigail J. Koch	3/1/2016	
SP.11995	Caitlin Marie Honaker	3/1/2016	
SP.11996	Kaylee Carmen Schuster	3/1/2016	
SP.11997	Mark Douglas Amend	3/1/2016	
SP.11998	Gina Marie Everman	3/1/2016	
SP.11999	Sarah Elaine Jackson	3/1/2016	
SP.12000	Danae Nicole Leaser	3/1/2016	
SP.12001	Lauren Taylor Shivak	3/1/2016	
SP.12002	Whitney A. Owens	3/1/2016	
SP.12003	Lauren Elise Goossens	3/1/2016	
SP.12004	Sarah Elizabeth Romero	3/1/2016	
SP.12005	Dana Florence Diller	3/1/2016	
SP.12006	Brianna Lynn Missler	3/1/2016	
SP.12007	Rachel Mary Eckel	3/1/2016	
SP.12010	Teal Danielle Simmons	3/1/2016	
SP.12011	Shira Wallin	3/1/2016	
SP.12012	Miriam Berger	3/1/2016	

SP.12013	Crystal Ann Sirl	3/1/2016	
SP.12014	Joanna Cathleen Burgess	3/1/2016	
SP.12015	Siegrid Michele Cooper	3/1/2016	
SP.8392	Emily Wilburn Grooms	3/1/2016	<i>Restoration from Inactive Status</i>
SP.11006	Amber Nicole Phillips	3/1/2016	<i>Relicensure</i>

Audiology

Motion #7

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on February 1, 2016, February 16, 2016 and March 1, 2016. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A.02006	Elina Alexandra Mindlina	2/1/2016	
A.02007	Nancy Lynn Gilman	2/1/2016	
A.01682	Marilou G. Ruble	2/16/2016	<i>Restoration from Inactive Status</i>
A.02008	Michelle Elizabeth Durrant	3/1/2016	
A.02009	Heather Elizabeth Malyuk	3/1/2016	

Conditional Speech-Language Pathology
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Motion #8

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on January 25, 2016, February 1, 2016, February 5, 2016, February 12, 2016, February 16, 2016 and March 1, 2016. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COND.2016194-SP	Melissa Ann Cherne	1/25/2016	
COND.2015031-SP	Romaine Reagle	2/1/2016	<i>2nd Conditional</i>
COND.2015054-SP	Sarah Helene Stapleton	2/1/2016	<i>2nd Conditional</i>
COND.2016195-SP	Erin Michelle Hughes	2/1/2016	
COND.2016196-SP	Kelsea Jo Bryant	2/1/2016	
COND.2016197-SP	Meredith R. Fitts	2/1/2016	
COND.2016198-SP	Abigail Elizabeth Griest	2/1/2016	
COND.2016199-SP	Cristina Getz	2/5/2016	
COND.2015069-SP	Lauren Salyer	2/12/2016	<i>2nd Conditional</i>
COND.2015123-SP	Jessica Lynn Wallace	2/16/2016	<i>2nd Conditional</i>
COND.2015132-SP	Nicole Elizabeth Miller	2/16/2016	<i>2nd Conditional</i>
COND.2015141-SP	Angela Elizabeth Reif	2/16/2016	<i>2nd Conditional</i>
COND.2016200-SP	Kelly Nicole Houghan	2/16/2016	
COND.2015098-SP	Florence Lim Hardjono	3/1/2016	<i>2nd Conditional</i>
COND.2016201-SP	Jazmin Vianey Colon Salas	3/1/2016	
COND.2016202-SP	Tin Wai Siu	3/1/2016	

LICENSING SUMMARY

Speech-Language Pathologist	6976
Audiologist	995
Duals	37
Inactive AUD	37
Inactive SLP	214
Conditional SLP	371
SLP-Aide	8
AUD-Aide	68
TOTAL	8706

Applications for Review

Let the minutes reflect that Ms. Brown responded to Roll Call at approximately 10:45 a.m., after presenting on a panel discussion.

Let the minutes reflect that Dr. Mitchell was excused from the meeting to give a presentation.

Audiology Aides

Motion #9

Ms. Brown moved to ratify the initial licensure application for Audiology Aide, license no. Aide.10029A approved by the Executive Director on February 16, 2016. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #10

Ms. Brown moved to approve the initial licensure application for Audiology Aide, license number **031016-MUL**. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #11

Ms. Brown moved to approve the initial licensure application for Audiology Aide, license number **031016-PRE**. Dr. Prakup seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #12

Ms. Brown moved to approve the initial licensure application for Audiology Aide, license number **031016-ERI**. Dr. Froehlich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Speech-Language Pathology Aides
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None

Licensure Applications

None

Special Applications

The Board considered a request by Linda Miller for reinstatement of her recently revoked speech-language pathology license in Case No. 2016-36.

Motion #13

Ms. Brown moved to deem Ms. Miller's request for reinstatement as incomplete and require additional information. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Froehlich abstained.

BOARD BUSINESS**A. 2016 Strategic Planning – Review Final Draft**

The Board reviewed a final draft of the strategic plan for 2016.

Motion #14

Ms. Brown moved to adopt the strategic plan for 2016. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Board ePerformance Policy

Mr. Thornton presented the Board's ePerformance policy for review and indicated that the policy was updated to incorporate changes recommended by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.

Motion #15

Ms. Brown moved to adopt the Board's ePerformance as submitted. Ms. Mayle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. School Medicaid Reimbursement – Update

The Board received an update regarding the school Medicaid reimbursement changes scheduled to take effect on August 1, 2016. The Board was informed that the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) requested clarification about the scope of practice for speech-language pathology and audiology for ordering services via an individualized education plan. After discussion, the Board directed Mr. Thornton to draft a letter and send to the director of ODM and Dr. Sue Zake with the Ohio Department of Education – Office for Exceptional Children.

D. Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program

The Board received an update regarding the Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program and will continue to respond to any feedback received from approved providers or families who participate in the program.

E. Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Board reviewed the customer satisfaction survey results for 2015. The Board congratulated the staff of receiving an overall customer service rating of ninety-two percent and noted that the Board consistently exceeds ninety percent each year.

F. Legislative Event – April 5

The Board noted the importance of the legislative event on April 5, 2016 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Ohio Statehouse. The event promotes networking opportunities with legislators regarding issues that impact consumers receiving speech and audiology services.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed no correspondence.

MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no member concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Karen K. Mitchell, Chairperson

Tammy H. Brown, Vice Chairperson

Date

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date