

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: February 11, 2020

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CDT

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Poplar Room

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Debby Starr, Au.D, Audiologist
Carrie Crittendon, Au.D, Audiologist
Carren Mills, Speech Pathologist
Richard Morton, Citizen Member
Ellen Pearson, Speech Pathologist
David Haynes, MD, Otolaryngologist
Alicia Barker, Audiologist

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: All were present

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT:
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Michele Tamayo, Board Administrator
Ashley Fine, Assistant General Counsel

Ms. Wilkins introduced the new board members, Dr. David Haynes from Vanderbilt replaced Dr. Kimberly Vinson, and Ms. Alicia Barker, Audiologist, replaced Velvet Buehler.

Due to lack of a chair, Ms. Wilkins called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Upon review of the October 29, 2019 minutes, Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mills, to approve the minutes as written. A roll call vote was held and all voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator for all non-nursing Boards gave the following report:

Summary of Currently Monitored Practitioners

There are three (3) currently monitored practitioners; one (1) under a Board Order who has been sent to collection for the balance of the Civil Penalties., One (1) under Probation until 2020, and one under Revocation who is making payments on her fee's

Board Statistical Complaint Report

SLP's: There were six (6) new complaints for 2019; two (2) were for falsification of records, one (1) for fraud and false billing and two (2) regarding a lapsed license. A total of five (5) complaints were closed; one (1) closed with insufficient evidence, one (1) closed and sent to the Office of General Council for formal discipline, and two (2) closed with letters of warning. Currently there are five (5) open complaints being investigated and/or reviewed.

Audiologist: There were two (2) new complaints in 2019; one (1) for criminal charges, and one (1) for malpractice and negligence. No closed complaint and there are currently eight (8) open complaints being investigated and/or reviewed at this time.

SLP-A's: No new complaints in 2019, no closed complaints and none opened to be investigated.

OGC Report

Ashley Fine presented the following OGC report;
Ms. Fine read aloud the Conflict of Interest Policy and Open Meeting Act Policy.

Disciplinary Activity

At this time there one (1) open case in the Office of General Counsel which will be settled with a Consent Order to be presented today.

The Clinical Fellow Provisional License rules are still in internal review.

Consent Order

Ms. Fine presented a Consent Order for **Elena P. Brown**, SLP license number 5997. Ms. Brown's license expired and she failed to renew in a timely fashion. She worked on a lapsed license for approximately seven (7) months. Ms. Brown must pay a civil penalty in the amount of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) representing a penalty in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each month she practiced on a lapsed license after the thirty day (30) day grace period expired. Ms. Brown must also pay reasonable costs incurred for the prosecution of the case.

A motion to accept the Consent Order as written was made by Mr. Morton and seconded by Ms. Mills. All voted in favor of accepting the Consent Order. The motion carried.

Administrative Report

Ms. Tamayo provided the following administrative report:

As of February 7, 2020, there are a total of 466 licensed Audiologists, 3019 licensed Speech Language Pathologists and 139 registered Speech Language Pathology Assistants.

Between, October 23, 2019 and February 7, 2020:

There were seven (7) newly licensed Audiologists, two (2) new audiology Clinical Externs, one (1) retired, two (2) expired, and three (3) reinstatements. A total of seventy-nine (79) Audiologists renewed with sixty-three (63) of the total renewing online which is a percentage of eighty (80%).

There were fifty-three (53) newly licensed Speech Language Pathologists, seventeen (17) new Clinical Fellows, six (6) retired; thirty (30) expired and ten (10) reinstatements. Three hundred forty-seven (347) Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses with two hundred seventy-nine (279) renewing online for a percentage of eighty (80%).

There were five (5) newly registered Speech Language Pathology Assistants, two (2) retired, two (2) expired, and zero (0) reinstatements. A total of four (4) Speech Language Pathology Assistants renewed their licenses with two (2) renewals completed online for a percentage of 50%.

The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2020.

Newly Licensed/Registered

Newly Licensed Speech Pathologists

Upon review Ms. Starr made a motion seconded by Ms. Barker to approve the following newly licensed Speech Language Pathologist. All voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

SP	12/17/2019	Licensed	7008	Bennett Alisha Marie
SP	12/4/2019	Licensed	7007	Biciocchi Erika Leigh
SP	1/3/2020	Licensed	6468	Blevins Kara B
SP	12/17/2019	Licensed	6411	Bodak Sarah
SP	12/4/2019	Licensed	6998	Booher Tracy K
SP	1/8/2020	Licensed	6552	Boorum Olivia
SP	11/25/2019	Licensed	6381	Bradley Kathleen
SP	10/31/2019	Licensed	6996	Burns Rachel Marie
SP	12/18/2019	Licensed	7020	Califf Kathryn
SP	1/22/2020	Licensed	7023	Carmen Natalie
SP	12/17/2019	Licensed	7009	Cobb Macon Bishop
SP	1/15/2020	Licensed	7028	Compton Nicole
SP	11/15/2019	Licensed	6906	Coulston Heather
SP	12/26/2019	Licensed	7014	Crawford Olivia Ann
SP	11/6/2019	Licensed	6986	Dempsey Julie
SP	1/16/2020	Licensed	6703	Dillard Morgan A
SP	11/6/2019	Licensed	6612	Evans Audrey Spain
SP	11/15/2019	Licensed	6984	Fennell Dana
SP	10/31/2019	Licensed	6588	Frierott Theresa
SP	10/31/2019	Licensed	6985	Gutzwiller Audrey
SP	1/7/2020	Licensed	6681	Huckabay Savannah
SP	10/31/2019	Licensed	6983	laquinto Gina Marie
SP	1/22/2020	Licensed	7013	Janisch Holly
SP	11/13/2019	Licensed	6999	Jansen Anne
SP	11/22/2019	Licensed	6994	Johnson Nicola Ann
SP	1/7/2020	Licensed	6599	Kassinger Olivia
SP	2/4/2020	Licensed	7031	Kesling Raegan

SP	11/20/2019	Licensed	7000	Kulik Sarah
SP	11/26/2019	Licensed	7004	Lacy Janice
SP	11/15/2019	Licensed	6568	Lamsey Meghan Leigh
SP	11/26/2019	Licensed	7002	Lane Kimberly Yvonne
SP	11/13/2019	Licensed	6663	Larson Jenna
SP	10/31/2019	Licensed	6953	Leahy Mitzi Lynn
SP	1/7/2020	Licensed	7018	Martinez Carmen
SP	12/16/2019	Licensed	7005	Mccord John Michael
SP	1/22/2020	Licensed	6679	Mihalovic Emily
SP	11/1/2019	Licensed	6605	Moritz Erin Kathleen
SP	11/15/2019	Licensed	6655	Morris Allison
SP	12/12/2019	Licensed	6672	Nobile Nikki
SP	1/22/2020	Licensed	6659	Ontiveros Alexandra
SP	11/13/2019	Licensed	6989	Ringler Laura
SP	12/12/2019	Licensed	6694	Robinette Claudia
SP	12/30/2019	Licensed	6298	Savov Marci H
SP	1/9/2020	Licensed	6786	Senft Lindsay Marie
SP	12/17/2019	Licensed	6939	Shapiro Sarah
SP	11/1/2019	Licensed	5746	Singleton Katashia L.
SP	10/31/2019	Licensed	6993	Sinske Nicole
SP	10/31/2019	Licensed	6894	Smith Morgan (
SP	10/31/2019	Licensed	6976	Stanley Lauren K
SP	11/15/2019	Licensed	6987	Troxler Terry Fink
SP	12/26/2019	Licensed	6682	Warren Kaylie
SP	12/12/2019	Licensed	7015	Weatherly Amy
SP	1/16/2020	Licensed	7034	Wesson Carrie

Newly Licensed Audiologists

Upon review Mr. Morton made a motion seconded by Ms. Starr, to approve the following newly licensed Audiologist. A roll call vote was held and all voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

A	12/17/2019	Licensed	1966	Alpeter Kelsey Dr.
A	11/6/2019	Licensed	1962	Baker Jason Andrew
A	1/14/2020	Licensed	1930	Gay Chelci Dr.
A	11/15/2019	Licensed	1963	Guthrie Elisabeth
A	11/25/2019	Licensed	1964	Headley Melissa
A	11/20/2019	Licensed	1908	Hill Alexis Monimia
A	1/7/2020	Licensed	1967	Peterson Dawn M.

Newly Registered Speech Language Pathologist Assistants

Upon review Ms. Mills made a motion seconded by Ms. Pearson, to approve the following newly registered Speech Language Pathology Assistance. A roll call vote was held and all voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

SP A	2/3/2020	Registered	615	Anchondo Carmen
SPA	1/10/2020	Registered	609	Hunter Alyssa Paige
SPA	11/20/2019	Registered	607	Krebs Yancey
SPA	11/20/2019	Registered	603	Reagan Kaitlin
SPA	11/13/2019	Registered	604	Vassilyeva Olesya

Reinstatements

Speech Pathologist Reinstatements

Upon review Ms. Crittendon made a motion to ratify the reinstatements of the following Speech Pathologists seconded by Mr. Morton. A roll call vote was held and all voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

SP	12/5/201	Licensed	425	Burns Yvonne Mrs.
SP	1/22/202	Licensed	3053	Campbell Danielle Lewis
SP	12/17/20	Licensed	5955	Good Alyssa Joy
SP	11/26/20	Licensed	993	Jenkins Patricia Ann Lang
SP	1/22/202	Licensed	1109	Joyner Melinda L
SP	11/20/20	Licensed	394	Kiefer Marlene M
SP	1/8/2020	Licensed	5964	Powe Cindy Varesa
SP	1/22/202	Licensed	2369	Tierney Machelli Linn
SP	12/17/20	Licensed	5388	Watson James N
SP	1/7/2020	Licensed	4248	Zahn Emily Lauren

Audiologist Reinstatements

Upon review Mr. Morton made a motion to ratify the reinstatements of the following Audiologists seconded by Ms. Mills. A roll call vote was held and all voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

A	2/3/2020	Licensed	1629	Donaldson Jodee
A	11/22/2019	Licensed	1827	Eaton Carrie E
A	1/14/2020	Licensed	1294	Rigsby Kristina

Speech Pathology Assistants

Upon review Ms. Crittendon made a motion to ratify the reinstatements of the following Speech Pathology Assistants seconded by Ms. Mills. A roll call vote was held and all voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

SPA	1/31/2020	Registered	504	Richardson Mary G.
SPA	10/23/2019/2	Registered	436	Yates Kendal E

Correspondence

A letter was received from Angela Tidquist, AuD, requesting a waiver of her continuing education hours for 2019. She is requesting a waiver due to being pregnant during most of 2019. She stated

she was very busy during this time as well. Dr. Tidquist further stated she earned excess continuing hours.

For the benefit of the new board members, Ms. Wilkins explained the continuing education process. One is audited in the month following renewal of the license, and the proof of hours is request for the two years prior to the renewal year.

By roll call vote, the board voted to take no action on Dr. Tidquest's request for a waiver of her 2019 continuing hours.

A letter was received from Ms. Susan Usery, Speech-Language and Related Services Coordinator, Division of Special Population and Student Support. Ms. Usery related the qualifications for a Speech Language Pathology Assistant required by the Department of Education, one of these being a bachelor's degree. The board does not require this degree for a registration as a Speech Language Pathology assistant degree. Ms. Fine passed out a copy of the board's draft rules which speak to this issue. Ms. Wilkins also had passed out minutes from the August 2018 meeting in order that the board might read the prior board's discussion of Speech Language Pathology Assistants supervision. Ms. Usery stated her department wants clarification on the board's requirements for supervision of a Speech Language Pathology Assistant and whether or not they align with the Department of Education's guidelines. After much discussion of this topic, Mr. Morton moved to take no action, seconded by Ms. Mills. A roll call vote was held and all voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Election of Officers

Ms. Crittendon nominated Ms. Starr for board Chair seconded by Mr. Morton. A roll call vote was held and all voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Starr to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Ratified by the Board on May 5, 2020