

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

DATE: August 3, 2021
TIME: 10:00 A.M., CDT
LOCATION: Health Related Boards

BOARD MEMBERS

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. David Haynes

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mrs. Diana Hunley, Regulatory Board Administrator Director II
Doris VanOvermeiren, Board Administrator 1
Ashley Fine, Assistant General Counsel

Ms. VanOvermeiren read the opening remarks into the record. She asked everyone to introduce themselves for the record. A roll call vote was conducted, and all Board members were present we have a quorum.

Ms. Debby Starr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Upon review of the board meeting on May 4th, 2021.

Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Carren Mills. A roll call 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 is one (1) unlicensed person being monitored by board order, Two license's (2) under Probation and one (1) under Revocation. Ms. April Steagall for substance abuse remains under probation until evaluation is complete.

Board Statistical Complaint Report: Totals for 2021.

SLP's: Total complaints received in the office for Investigation and complaints for the year 2021, there were a total of zero (0) complaints and 5 open complaints pending investigation and or review. One (1) on probation and One (1) Revoked.

Audiologist: For the year 2021 no new complaints and four (4) complaints currently open pending investigation and or review. One (1) on probation.

SLPA's: No new complaints in 2021, no complaints currently opened to be investigated and or review at this time.

Legislative Report

Ms. Oliva Spears presented the new legislation passed.

Public Chapter 4 effective March 23, 2021

Public Chapter 34 effective March 23, 2021

Public Chapter 37 effective March 23, 2021

Public Chapter 153 effective April 13, 2021

Public Chapter 179 effective April 20, 2021

Public Chapter 242 effective April 28 and will sunset July 1, 2025

Public Chapter 291 effective July 1, 2021

Public Chapter 328 effective July 1, 2021

Public Chapter 453 effective July 1, 2021

Public Chapter 513 effective May 25, 2021

Public Chapter 531 effective July 1, 2021

Public Chapter 531 effective May 25, 2021

These are the general summaries of legislation.

OGC Report

Ms. Fine, with the Office of General Counsel ("OGC"), presented the OGC report. She read aloud the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Open Meetings Act. She then addressed disciplinary and rule activity.

Conflict of Interest

If you have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of any issue or matter before this Council which may suggest a bias on your part, you are asked to state that interest on the record so that a determination can be made as to whether there exists a need for recusal. You are reminded that it is the duty of this Council to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee and that the administration of this solemn responsibility is dependent upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

Open Meetings Act

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Council business may only be discussed by Council members during the meeting. Members should not discuss the Council's business at any time other than during the open meeting. The prohibition applies to phone calls, emails, and text messages. Council members should also ensure that all comments during the meeting are stated for all to hear; private conversations between or among members during the meeting are inappropriate.

Disciplinary Activity

Currently, there are no cases open in the Office of General Counsel.

Rulemaking Hearing Regarding Provisional Licensure:

Ms. Fine called the rulemaking hearing to order. The purpose of the rulemaking hearing was to solicit comments on rules proposed by the Board in order to amend Rule(s) 1370-01-.01, 1370-01-.03, 1370-01-.04, 1370-01-.05, 1370-01-.06, 1370-01-.07, 1370-01-.09, 1370-01-.10, 1370-01-.12, 1370-01-.13, 1370-01-.14, 1370-01-.15, 1370-01-.16 and 1370-01-.17. There were no public comments at the rulemaking hearing.

The Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences voted to amend its rules to add definitions (including definitions for direct and indirect supervision among others), decrease the biennial renewal fees and late renewal fees, remove the written endorsement/verification fees, implement a provisional license structure for clinical fellows to comply with 2019 Public Chapter 318, which was signed by the Governor on May 8, 2019, and which is now codified in T.C.A. § 63-17-110, limit the amount of late renewal fees pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-1-107, restructure the continuing education cycle to mirror the biennial renewal cycle of licenses, amend unprofessional conduct rules to include clinical fellows, and amend supervision requirements for Speech Language Pathology Assistants.

The Office of General Counsel presented some additional amendments to the Board, which were in the scope of rulemaking, at the rulemaking hearing. Counsel suggested the Board further amend Rules 1370-01-.03; 1370-01-.10; and 1370-01-.14.

Additionally, the Department's fiscal office presented additional amendments to the Board regarding Rule 1370-01-.06.

Rule 1370-01-.03(5) and (5)(c) – The words “but not licensure” were removed from paragraph (5). Subparagraph (5)(c) was amended to add the sentence “Additionally, Speech Language Pathology Assistants are required to ensure their Supervising Licensees are registered with the Board.”

A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morton to approve the additional amendments to Rule 1370-01-.03. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ellen Pearson. The motion carried.

Rule 1370-01-.06 – Matthew McSpadden, with the Department's fiscal office, addressed the Board at the rulemaking hearing. He presented various fee reduction models to the Board for both renewal fees and application fees. Fiscal described that the goal is to run down all of the surplus held by the Board. The Board ultimately voted on option 3.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alicia Barker to approve the additional amendments to Rule 1370-01-.06. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Morton. The motion carried.

Rule 1370-01-.10 and 1370-01-.14

Language throughout both of these rules included the specific words “presence” or “on-site” for direct supervision. Since the definition of “direct supervision” was being amended in this rulemaking hearing to include an on-site requirement, the Board voted to remove this language from the rules as it is now superfluous. Additionally, removing this language would be necessary to accomplish tele-supervision at a future rulemaking hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morton to approve the additional amendments to Rules 1370-01-.10 and 1370-01-.14. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carrie Mills and Mrs. Alicia Barker. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morton to approve the notice of rulemaking hearing with the aforementioned changes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alicia Barker. A roll call was conducted, and all members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

After the Board voted on the rules in their entirety, Ms. Fine asked the Board to review and vote on both the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis and the Economic Impact Statement.

A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morton to approve the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alicia Barker. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morton to approve the Economic Impact Statement. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alicia Barker. The motion carried.

The rulemaking hearing was concluded.

Administrative Report:

Doris VanOvermeiren provided the following administrative report:

As of May 4th, 2021, thru August 1st, 2021, there are a total of 583 licensed Audiologists, 3305 for licensed Speech Language Pathologists and Speech Language Pathology Assistants. 144 registered **Audiologist** as of May 4th, 2021 thru August 1st, 2021, there is Seven (7) newly licensed Audiologists. There were zero (0) retired licenses, Five (5) expired license, and zero (0) reinstatements. There is a total of Fifty one (51 Audiologists renewals, forty one (41) are online renewals. There were seven (7) new ACE's /clinical externs,

Speech Language Pathologists There is One Hundred (100) newly licensed Speech Language Pathologists, Four (4) retired licenses, Five (5) expired licenses and Nine (9) reinstatements. Three hundred and sixty seven (367) Speech Pathologists renewed their licenses. Two hundred and Ninety Nine (299) of the renewals were online. There were One Hundred and seventeen (117) new Clinical Fellows

Speech Language Pathology Assistant There was Eleven (11) newly registered Speech Language Pathology Assistant, zero (0) retirements, Four (4) expired registrations, and zero (0) reinstatements. A total of three (13) Speech Language Pathology Assistants renewed during this time. Six (6) of the renewals were online.

The next meeting will be held on November 9, 2021.

Tentative meetings for 2022:

February 17, 2022

May 19, 2022

August 18, 2022

November 10, 2022

Newly Licensed Clinical Fellows- SLP

2023 Abrams Lindsay E

2023 Alter Rachael Elizabeth

2023 Anderson Abigail

2023 Armendariz Karla Patricia

2023 Armstrong Kelsey

2023 Arnold Alicia Marie
2023 Ball Mckenzie
2023 Barclay Olivia
2023 Barkley Jordan M
2023 Baumert Sidney N
2023 Berry Elizabeth Ann
2023 Boaz Abby
2023 Boesing Krista
2023 Bowman Abigail Grace
2023 Braun Sara
2023 Brown Juliana
2023 Bultman Emily Katherine
2023 Burnham Remonica
2023 Caher Erika
2023 Chaney Michala Alexandra
2023 Clark Shannon Noel
2023 Clary Brenna
2023 Coggins Allegra
2023 Cohan Brooke Alexandra
2023 Conwell Alexandra Grace
2023 Couch Elliot Rhea
2023 Crumpton Olivia Grace
2023 Decker Allyson Lee
2023 Dillon Jacey
2023 Doll Elissa
2023 Duvier Travis Lee Mr SLP
2023 East Macy Katherine
2023 Fanella Samantha Jane
2023 Fonseca Milleena
2023 Gabbard Annika Deshea
2023 Garrett Shaylee Brook
2023 Gent Haley R
2023 Golden Danielle L Ms.
2023 Goldschmidt Lauren Christine Ms.
2023 Gossett Gretel
2023 Graham Lindsay
2023 Green Molly G
2023 Grimbball Andrew
2023 Grisham Bailey
2023 Gunderson Halie
2023 Hawley Elizabeth
2023 Hearon Michaela Brooke
2023 Hines Amy
2023 Holland Rachel Madison
2023 Hopkins Natalie Lauren
2023 Hopper Jennifer Rae

2023 Hunt Bricen
2023 Jackson Chase Mallory
2023 Johnson Katelynn
2023 Jordan Breanna Paige
2023 King Madeline Kathleen
2023 Klein Alissa Rae
2023 Kusenda Megan
2023 Lane Michaela
2023 Liddell Avery Lynn
2023 Lowe Anna
2023 Matheson Deneen
2023 Mcadams Hannah
2023 Mcbride Elizabeth
2023 Mccall Laura Elizabeth
2023 Mckenzie Kolby Suzanne
2023 Mclemore Amelia Mann
2023 Miller Katherine Scarlett
2023 Mink Jessica
2023 Mobley Mallory
2023 Morris Carlee
2023 Morris Kayla
2023 Nelson Allie Golden
2023 Oliphant Alanna Marie
2023 Owens Hannah Elizabeth
2023 Parker Sarah-Clare
2023 Patterson Meghan
2023 Pearson Brandon
2023 Perry Alexa
2023 Phillips Mackenzie Blair
2023 Pitts Mary
2023 Porter Jennifer Elizabeth
2023 Power Katlyn
2023 Price Haley
2023 Reed Chelsea Renee
2023 Revilla Callie Marie
2023 Ricker Logan Andrew
2023 Riddell Lauren
2023 Robinson Jordan Aaliyah
2023 Ross Caitlin Sue
2023 Schmidt Mallory Layne
2023 Sedlock Sydney
2023 Sexton Sydney Koren
2023 Simmler Mckenzie
2023 Sluss Tayla
2023 Smith Jan
2023 Smythe Heather

2023 Sonneman Miriah
 2023 Squires Emily
 2023 Stevens Megan Ellen
 2023 Sudbrink Erika Chelsea
 2023 Taylor Leah
 2023 Tedder Anna
 2023 Tomasek Madison
 2023 Trent Madison Kirklyn
 2023 Vatrano Angela
 2023 Ward Sarah L
 2023 Watson Azjah
 2023 Welch Mikayla
 2023 White Brandie
 2023 Whited Bailey Amanda
 2023 Wieditz Hannah
 2023 Williams Jocelyn Ruth Ms.
 2023 Willis Abigail Sands Miss
 2023 Wilson Jordyn Nicole
 2023 Wright Hanna Catherine
 2023 Yap Jacqueline Marie Ms.

Before consideration, Mrs. Mills stated a conflict on the record Upon review, Mr. Richard Morton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Alicia Barker, to approve the newly licensed CF-SLP. A voice vote was conducted. The motion carried

Newly Licensed/ Licensed Speech Pathologists

2023 Agnew Kelsey Rae Ms.
 2023 Alcaraz Breann C
 2023 Allen Taylor
 2023 Bearden Shelby Elise
 2023 Beeler Lauren
 2023 Best Bronson Mr
 2023 Blakemore Alexandria Marie
 2023 Blose Conner James
 2023 Bourgeois Shelby
 2023 Boyke Bridget Ann
 2023 Busch Mackenzie Kaye
 2023 Byrd Samantha
 2023 Carney Kathleen Mary
 2023 Casilio Marianne
 2023 Chappell Brynne H
 2023 Chipponeri Michelle Ann
 2023 Clarke Janella S.
 2023 Class Michelle Marie
 2023 Clelland Emily E

2023 Clinard Whitnee
2023 Cundiff Abigail
2023 Cunningham Abigail Marie
2023 Currie Angela Rose
2023 Davis Mary Marie
2023 Decker Savannah
2023 Delay Jessica Nicole
2023 Doulin Allison
2023 Edwards Maclain
2023 Eggleston Olivia
2023 Farris Alyssa Brooke Ms.
2023 Fawcett Corey
2023 Flannigan Kristin Amara Ms.
2023 Flowers Mary K
2023 Frye Kalen Jean
2023 Gallagher Katelyn
2023 Gonzalez Alexis
2023 Goodridge Rebecca Lauren
2023 Graham Caroline Elizabeth
2023 Grant Meliah Kayla
2023 Hailey Matthew Ryan Mr.
2023 Hall Jenna
2023 Haught Brenna Nicole Ms.
2023 Hein Ashton Rose Mrs.
2023 Henderson Jorri Lynn Dr.
2023 Hooper Shaylynn Nicole
2023 Hreish Janette Ms.
2023 Hull Lindsey
2023 Johnson Breana
2023 Joshi Ruchira Rushabh
2023 Kearns Paula Kristin Ms.
2023 Keele Britney Lea
2023 King Ruth Ann
2023 Klein Elizabeth Anne
2023 Li Chun
2023 Lovhoiden Lindsey Lucille
2023 Malone Karen Reinhard Mrs.
2023 Manning Elizabeth
2023 Mcadoo Cristina M
2023 Mcgrath James Patrick II
2023 Mcwain Leslie Ann
2023 Meeks Allison Burrows
2023 Merritt Madison Taylor Mrs.
2023 Millager Ryan Andrew
2023 Mooney Aine
2023 Murr Amanda H

2023 Nall Katee Nicole Miss
 2023 Obenauer Amy J
 2023 Orellano Ashley Gilbert Mrs.
 2023 Packard Elizabeth Ann
 2023 Patton Kayla Taylor
 2023 Paul Amara L
 2023 Pointer Natalie Foulks
 2023 Pryor Ashley
 2023 Pugh Kaitlyn Mackenzie
 2023 Randolph Priscilla Ms
 2023 Raupp Caitlin Paige
 2023 Reese Dakota
 2023 Renaud Karla
 2023 Rice Paul Blanton Glymph
 2023 Rice Shayla
 2023 Roecker Lyndi Beth
 2023 Sanders Jennifer Grace
 2023 Sandmann Morgan N
 2023 Signorile Alexa Barbara
 2023 Simpson Haley M
 2023 Splane Saskia
 2023 Sullins Kelsey
 2023 Taylor Myrah Elizabeth
 2023 Timmons Madison Nash
 2023 Torres Daniel
 2023 Trull Haley C
 2023 Turner Sara Elizabeth
 2023 Turney Anna
 2023 Ulery Madalyn
 2023 Valtierra Adriana Maria
 2023 Vaughan Hannah Leigh
 2023 Waggoner Brynn
 2023 Willard Kimberly Joy Mrs.
 2023 Wright Barrett Elizabeth Ms.
 2023 Zegar Emily

Before consideration, Mrs. Pearson stated a conflict on the record. Upon review, Mr. Richard Morton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Carrie Mills, to approve the newly licensed Speech Pathologists. A voice vote was conducted. The motion carried

Newly Licensed Audiologists

2024 Ball Kaylene Dr.
 2024 Barnhart Blaire McCormick Dr.
 2024 Beaudoin Derek Dr.
 2024 Brown Kacey Elizabeth
 2024 Carmenate-Nichols Raiza Gabrielle
 2024 Davis Conner

- 2024 Garcia Holly Morlas Dr.
- 2024 Hansel Susan Holland
- 2024 Harrison Ashleigh
- 2024 Hylander Christopher Glenn
- 2024 Knowd Emily
- 2024 Lanzetta Joseph F Dr.
- 2024 Romero Daniel James Dr.
- 2024 Shah Manami H
- 2024 Thaxton Mackenzie Elizabeth Dr.
- 2024 Thomas Brianna Landers
- 2024 Tobener Elizabeth Nora Dr.

Upon review, Mr. Richard Morton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Carrie Mills, to approve the newly licensed Audiologists. A voice vote was conducted. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed ACE-Audiologists Clinical Externs

- 2024 Baer Kaitlin Ashley
- 2024 Bailey Sydnie Grace
- 2024 Coppedge Mary Oliver
- 2024 Lothes Kelsee Maree Loise
- 2024 Russell Madelyn B
- 2024 Valle Annalise Claire .
- 2024 Wake Lauren N

Upon review, Mr. Richard Morton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Carrie Mills, to approve the newly licensed ACE Audiologists. A voice vote was conducted. The motion carried.

Newly Registered Speech Language Pathologist Assistants

- 2025 Brewer, Ivey Grace
- 2025 De Lima Joyce
- 2025 Isa Azhar Muhsen
- 2025 Johnson Laura E
- 2025 May Mitzi Deann
- 2025 Nash Alyssa Nicole
- 2025 Parker Kelsey
- 2025 Polanczyk Michelle Kos
- 2025 Ragsdale Amerada Ashland
- 2025 Stott Edna Baltimore Turner
- 2025 Williams Rachel Michelle

Upon review, Mrs. Alicia Barker made a motion seconded by Mrs. Robyn Lusby, to approve the newly registered Speech Language Pathology Assistants. A voice vote was conducted. The motion carried.

Reinstatements

Speech Pathologist Reinstatements

- 2023 Palmer, Elizabeth Anne
- 2023 Hunter ,Tyese Roller

2023 Jones, Paula R
2023 Alldredge, Hollie Lynn
2023 Kessel, Lindsay J
2023 Len, Kimberly E

Upon review, Ms. Carrie Mills made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ellen Pearson. A voice vote was conducted. The motion carried.

Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist

Counsel explained to the Board that the statutes and rules of the Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists require the Board to ratify all licenses approved and ratified by the Council.

Newly Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist

Upon review, Mr. Richard Morton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Alicia Barker, to approve all current Hearing Instrument Specialist licenses. A roll call vote was conducted, and all voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed Apprentice Hearing Instrument Specialist

Upon review, Mr. Richard Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Carrie Mills, to approve all current Apprentice Hearing Instrument Specialist licenses. A roll call vote was conducted, and all voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Review Licensure File,

The Board reviewed the application of Mrs. Carrie Lynn Mcpherson. Ms. Fine advised the Board that the Fresh Start Act would apply to this application review. The Board determined that the conviction does not relate to the practice of the profession. Upon review, Mr. Richard Morton made a motion to approve the application, which was seconded by Mrs. Ellen Pearson. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence:

No new correspondence

New Business

Mrs. Debbie Starr discussed with the board the need for a new board chair and secretary. Mrs. Debbie Starr nominated Mr. Richard Morton. The board agreed. Mr. Richard Morton accepted.

Mrs. Debbie Starr made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ellen Pearson, all voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Mrs. Carrie Mills nominated Alicia Barker for board secretary. Alicia Barker accepted.

Debbie Starr made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Carrie Mills, all voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Mr. Richard Morton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Starr, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried; the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 pm.

Ratified by the Board November 9, 2021