

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: August 11, 2015

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CST

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Ground Floor, Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Terri Flynn, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist
Mary Velvet Buehler, M.A., CCC-SLP/A, Audiologist
Julie A Crosby-Davis, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist
Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist
Debby Starr, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist
Carrie Crittendon, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist
Richard Morton, Citizen Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Hannah Lanford, Assistant General Counsel
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Charles Custer, Board Administrator

Mr. Custer, board administrator, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

Election of Board Officers

Mr. Custer advised the Board that, due to the previous chair's term having expired and subsequently being replaced, an election was needed to appoint new officers.

Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to nominate and elect Ms. Flynn as Board chair. Ms. Flynn accepted the nomination, and the motion carried.

Ms. Crosby-Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to nominate and elect Ms. Buehler as Board vice-chair. Ms. Buehler accepted the nomination, and the motion carried.

Rulemaking Hearing

Ms. Lanford called the rulemaking hearing to order at 10:18 a.m. The rulemaking hearing was in regards to Rule 1370-01-.05 (Procedures for Licensure), Rule 1370-01-.08 (Examinations), and Rule 1370-01-.14 (SLPA and Supervision).

During discussion of Rule 1370-01-.05, the Board heard comments from John Williams, representing TAASLP; as well as Mr. Custer and Ms. Wilkins. Mr. Custer also spoke regarding proposed language for the "Criteria" method of application to reference the "Qualifications for licensure", and subsequent rule; as well as a request to remove the language referencing the required letter of recommendation from the director of the training program.

After discussion and comments, Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to accept the amended language for Rule 1370-01-.05. The motion carried.

The Board then discussed Rule 1370-01-.08(5), regarding examinations. Mr. Custer requested to add wording to the examinations section to include reinstatement of license.

After discussion and comments, Ms. Crosby-Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to accept the amended language for Rule 1370-01-.08(5). The motion carried.

Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler to accept the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, as it relates to the proposed rule changes. A roll call vote was held and the vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson to accept the Statement of Economic Impact to Small Businesses, as it relates to the proposed rule changes. A roll call vote was held and the vote was unanimously aye.

Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis to accept the proposed rules (Rule 1370-01-.05, Rule 1370-01-.08, and Rule 1370-01-.14) as amended. A roll call vote was held and the vote was unanimously aye.

Ms. Lanford concluded the rulemaking hearing at 10:57 a.m.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 5, 2015 meeting. Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Introduction of Board Members

As there are new Board members appointed to the Board, Ms. Flynn asked for brief introductions from all Board members.

OGC Report

Ms. Lanford advised the Board that there is no new legislation affecting the Board at this time.

The rulemaking hearing was held regarding Rules 1370-01-.05, 1370-01-.08, 1370-01-.14, involving Licensure, Exams, and Supervision.

There are currently two (2) open cases in OGC, one of which is being presented today as a Consent Order. There are no cases that have been appealed to the Chancery Court.

Ms. Lanford presented a Consent Order for **Laura Tolley, Speech Pathologist**. Ms. Tolley was found to be in violation of Board rules for practicing for approximately six (6) months, due to the expiration of her Clinical Fellowship. The discipline outlined is a Board-recommended civil penalty totaling of \$300, representing six (6) Type C penalties at \$50 per month worked for unlicensed/unregistered practice. The civil penalty is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order. Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

There is currently one (1) open complaint against a speech pathologist, and one (1) open complaint against an audiologist.

Monitored Practitioners

There are three (3) currently monitored practitioners and all are in compliance.

Administrative Report

Mr. Custer provided the administrative report. As of July 31, 2015, there are 391 licensed audiologists, 2445 licensed speech pathologists and 108 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between May 1, 2015 and July 31, 2015, a total of 42 Audiologists have renewed their licenses, with 27 of those renewing online. For the same time period, a total of 285 Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses, with 200 of those renewing online.

Ms. Wilkins also advised the Board that the website is in the process of being revamped.

Newly Licensed

- SPEECH

Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Speech Pathologists. The motion carried.

1	Tiffany	Allen	5314	37	Kelly	Hearn	5662	72	Ashley	Rust	5253
2	Heather	Arms	5322	38	Kimberly	Hefner	5292	73	Karis	Salyers	5642
3	Krystine	Ayres	5234	39	Marci	Heist	5223	74	Rachel	Santoro	5610
4	Whitney	Bacalman	5561	40	Jack	Henderson	5678	75	Tali	Schussler	5282
5	Mary	Baker	5333	41	Tracy	Hennage	5623	76	Jessica	Scott	5407
6	Sarah	Belvedresi	5576	42	Rebecca	Janha	5312	77	Currant	Scruggs	5479
7	Brittany	Berry	5451	43	Kirsten	Johnson	5511	78	Alexis	Shidler	5659
8	Sara	Blum	5374	44	Stacy	Johnson	5625	79	Rachel	Simpson	5010
9	Kelli	Boitnott	5309	45	Jamie	Jones	5640	80	Megan	Sinecki	5563
10	Jillian	Brawley	5565	46	Kristin	Knight	5280	81	Brittany	Smith	5303
11	Sarah	Breshears	5668	47	Hannah	Krimm	5666	82	Carolina	Smith	5291
12	Christina	Bruno	5465	48	Laura	Lafitte	5293	83	Megan	Smith	5384
13	Michael	Bush	5371	49	Anne	Langley	5601	84	Sarah	Smith	5329
14	Pamela	Carrico	5651	50	Sarah	Laurenzi	5476	85	Tara	Smith	5431
15	Jacqueline	Carroll	5572	51	Daria	Lawrence	5424	86	Carrie	Stanley	5650
16	Katherine	Chaney	5290	52	Raevynn	Leach	5637	87	Emily	Stevenson	5272
17	Kathleen	Cohen	5313	53	Kimberly	Len	5558	88	Kristina	Stubblefield	5330
18	Brittany	Collins	5377	54	Sarah	Levine	5463	89	Christy	Tate	5172
19	Tara	Crandall	4339	55	Krista-Beth	Luther	5305	90	Laurel	Teller	5624
20	Ashley	Crosby	5549	56	Catherine	Lynn	5622	91	Heather	Tipton	5261
21	Mary	Crunk	5636	57	Ashley	Mangold	5426	92	Laura	Titrud	5629
22	Lauryn	Dills	5326	58	Jamie	Mapel	5575	93	Kathleen	Vance	5550
23	Sara	Dolinak	5378	59	Lauren	Massey	5227	94	Ashley	Vanhoose	5262
24	Heather	Dublin	5306	60	Ashley	McCurry	5428	95	Kacee	Ward	5602
25	Rachel	Dunlap	5655	61	Lauren	McLean	5621	96	Kelly	Watkins	5628
26	Jan	Ferguson	5327	62	Shaun	Merolle	5567	97	Allison	Whitener	5437

27	Miranda	Fleming	5283	63	Sarah	Michalik	5335	98	Rebekah	Widmer	5285
28	Terah	Freel	5273	64	Annie	Moons	5520	99	Emily	Williams	5276
29	Katherine	Freeman	5362	65	Tanya	Myrick	5555	100	Kelli	Williams	2778
30	Melissa	Fuqua	5603	66	Matthew	Neas	5372	101	Molly	Wilson	5686
31	Danielle	Garland	5332	67	Kyle	Nottis	5562	102	Sarah	Winstead	5556
32	Allyse	Gastel	5343	68	Mary	Patton	5559	103	Kimberly	Woodward	1853
33	Jessica	Gauger	5539	69	Wendy	Pearlman	1781	104	Sally	Young	5301
34	Caroline	Gault	5379	70	Kaylee	Rinehart	5270	105	Julia	Zay	5604
35	Lakeysha	Hampton	2877	71	Christa	Rosier	5612	106	Rebecca	Zender	5594
36	Lori	Harris	5376								

- AUDIOLOGY

Ms. Crosby-Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Audiologists. The motion carried.

1	Brittany	Alex	1756	6	Amy	Krueger	1749	11	Kaitlyn	Tidwell	1702
2	Lindsay	Bondurant	1760	7	Rebecca	Sawyer	1759	12	Kaylee	Todd	1763
3	Randi	Davis	1755	8	Brooke	Schmisser	1733	13	Jay	Turner	1725
4	Robert	Dwyer	1751	9	Paige	Stromen	1100	14	Angela	Vandoli	1748
5	Lisa	Koch	1738	10	Amanda	Szymanski	1735	15	Matthew	Young	1697

- SLPA

Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Starr, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Speech Pathology Assistants. The motion carried.

1	Tanesha	Bradshaw	464	4	Lynda	Gibb	465	6	Ciara	Miller	467
2	Alejandro	Carranza	468	5	Sage	Hutchison	475	7	Andrea	Scarborough	466
3	Tara	Earle	474								

Reinstatements

- SPEECH:

Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to approve the presented list of reinstated Speech Pathologists. The motion carried.

1	Meagan	Baldwin	3887	7	Tiffany	Garrott	3143	12	Brett	Sheroky	4161
2	Kari	Bohrer	2227	8	Jennifer	Giesemann	3808	13	Sara	Sparks	3880
3	Mallory	Bradley	4703	9	Jennifer	Hatchette	4197	14	Sarah	Strasser	4508
4	Lisa	Compton	557	10	Sherry	McCaskill	1424	15	Tracey	Ward	2400
5	Kelli	Covington	2821	11	Barbara	Mintz	3445	16	Marilyn	West	2634
6	Elizabeth	Gardner	1372								

- AUDIOLOGY:

Ms. Crosby-Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to approve the presented reinstated Audiologist. The motion carried.

1	Betty	Morgan	168
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- SLPA:

Ms. Crosby-Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Starr, to approve the presented reinstated SLPA. The motion carried.

1 Kim Wiggins 332

Review Licensure Files

The Board reviewed the licensure file for **Angela Vandoli, Audiologist**. Dr. Vandoli had worked as an Audiology Clinical Extern (ACE) since June 2014, but was not registered by the Board, per the rules (Rule 1370-01-.10). Mr. Custer advised the Board that, as Dr. Vandoli had met all requirements for full licensure, he has already approved her license. After discussion, and hearing comments from Kristen Herman, Mary Kennedy, and Sara Wyatt, Ms. Crosby-Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to issue private discipline that will not be made public, with a letter of warning being issued. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the licensure file for **Alyson Gearhart, Audiologist**. Dr. Gearhart had worked as an Audiology Clinical Extern (ACE) since May 2014, but was not registered by the Board, per the rules (Rule 1370-01-.10). Mr. Custer advised the Board that, as Dr. Gearhart had met all requirements for full licensure, he has already approved her license. After discussion, and hearing from Dr. Gearhart, as well as the action taken with the previous file, Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to issue private discipline that will not be made public, with a letter of warning being issued. The motion carried.

Agreed Citations

The Board reviewed an agreed citation for **Katherine Crawford, SLPA**. Ms. Crawford was issued an agreed citation, with a civil penalty of \$100, for non-compliance of five (5) hours of continuing education. Ms. Crosby-Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve the agreed citation as presented. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an agreed citation for **Rebecca Lancaster, SLP**. Ms. Lancaster was issued an agreed citation, with a civil penalty of \$100, for non-compliance of two (2) hours of continuing education. Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to approve the agreed citation as presented. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an agreed citation for **Elizabeth Gardner, SLP**. Ms. Gardner was issued an agreed citation, with a civil penalty of \$2300, for continuing to work for twenty-three (23) months on an expired license, beyond the three (3) month grace period. The civil penalty assessed represents \$100 per month of unlicensed practice. Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to approve the agreed citation as presented. The motion carried.

Review Continuing Education

Mr. Custer presented to the Board the continuing education documents submitted for the continuing education audit by **David Hutchings, SLP**. Mr. Custer stated that, while he could approve or deny some of the documentation, he had questions regarding others. Ms. Flynn recused herself, due to a potential conflict of interest. After review and discussion of the documents, the Board asked Mr. Custer to send a letter to Mr. Hutchings asking for clarification for some of the documentation that was submitted. The Board's determination of the documents submitted will be tabled for now, and revisited upon receipt of clarification from Mr. Hutchings.

Mr. Custer presented to the Board the continuing education documents submitted for the continuing education audit by **Darnell Scafe, SLP**. Mr. Custer stated that he was unsure if the courses listed were appropriate. The Board advised Mr. Custer that all courses shown were indeed appropriate and could be counted.

New Business

The discussion that arose from reviewing the continuing education for Mr. Hutchings caused the Board to ask for a policy statement to be drafted regarding presenting a course for acceptance as continuing education. As this particular topic was not on today's agenda, it will be placed on the agenda to be further discussed at the next meeting for approval.

The Board had also asked earlier, during the file reviews, if a policy statement could be drafted regarding the ongoing issue for CFY/ACE applications and practitioners working without being registered.

During additional discussion that occurred after file review, Ms. Wilkins offered that something could be placed on the Board's website regarding registration for Clinical Fellowship and Clinical Externship. Mr. Custer also suggested having the information posted to the ASHA website, as well as the TAASLP website.

Mr. Custer advised the Board that Dr. Gearhart, in her research, found approximately 74 schools nationwide that offer an Audiology program. Mr. Custer advised that Dr. Gearhart will email the list to him, and he will modify the previous letter sent out, and send to those universities.

The Board discussed how to handle any future Audiology Clinical Externs that come before the Board for working their externship while unregistered. Ms. Lanford advised that it should be handled on a case-by-case basis, and ultimately, it is the Board's decision. The Board also discussed whether to accept ACE registrations retroactively, and Ms. Lanford and Ms. Wilkins both advised that it would be up to the Board at that time, should it come up.

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Ms. Crosby-Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on November 17, 2015