



**Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board
77 South High Street, 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215**

Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 12, 2020

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Board President, Tammy H. Brown, held at the Vern Riffe Center for Government, 77 South High St., 31st Floor – Board Room, Columbus, OH 43215.

Board Officers and Members – Roll Call:

Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, Audiology Board Member and Board President
Barbara L. Prakup, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
and Board Secretary

Lisa Dodge Burton, Public Member
Helen L. Mayle, Public Member
Karen Mitchell, Au.D., CCC-A, Audiology Board Member
Michael R. Pratt, H.A.S., Hearing Aid Specialist Board Member
Ann M. Slone, M.A., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Carrie L. Spangler, Au.D., CCC-A, FAAA, Audiology Board Member
Matthew Starner, H.A.S., Hearing Aid Specialist Board Member

Also Present:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director
Connie J. Allen, Board Investigator
Brandy R. Thomas, Licensing Administrator
Amanda Townsend, Administrative Professional
Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Principal Assistant Attorney General

AGENDA

The agenda for the February 12, 2020, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the agenda as proposed. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 4, 2019 board meetings were reviewed.

Motion #2

Dr. Prakup moved to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2019 board meeting. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Tammy Brown welcomed everyone and stated she was looking forward to the strategic planning session. She stated that the Board had exponential progress last year due to everyone’s hard work. Everyone’s efforts during the transition and rules clean-up phases have set the Board and staff up for success as we move ahead.

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 FY 2020;
- Significant legislation;
- Business filing statements
- Continuing education audits;
- Healthcare Boards Workgroup – Sexual Misconduct
- Licensure renewal campaign
- Board appointments
- Annual Report-CY2019
- Financial disclosure statement filings;

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL’S REPORT

Principal Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Hawkinson indicated that there were no legal matters to report to the Board.

INVESTIGATIONS

A. Board Actions

There were no cases presented for board action.

B. Investigative Report – Connie Allen

OPENED	Cases since the last Board Meeting 12/4/2019	20
CLOSED	Cases since the last board meeting 12/4/2019	12
TOTAL Open Cases		38
Consumer Complaints	Of total open cases	24
Referrals	Of total open cases	14

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

Application Requirements Not Met	0
Billing Fraud	4
Continuing Education Violation and/or Self Report	3
Conviction	4
False or Misleading Advertisement	5
Falsified/Misleading Application	1
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	0
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Other	0
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	2
Renewal Issue	0
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	1
Unlicensed Practice	2
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	16

Sub-Categories – Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct

Assaulted Patient. Patient did not press charges	1
Falsified SPE Supervision Docs	1
Hearing Aid Issue – Cost, Not Received, Records, Repair, Return/Refund, Testing	5
IEP Minutes Not Met	2
Non-Consent from parent- mentioned other student name(s)	1
Not Returning Patients Calls	1
Service Provided without 1 of 2 parents' consent	2
Discrimination – SLP requested authorization to release information form	1
Social Media post	1
Yelled at child on IEP	1

Updates Since the last meeting – Cases or Other Information Previously Heard by the Board;
Other Enforcement Activities and/or Outcome of some of the closed cases:

- Educational Letters – 2
- Referral to Other Agency – 1

Scheduled Hearings

Withdrawn

CO2019-8060 Heather Jeng, SP.09214 – Goldman Hearing

The hearing scheduled for December 4, 2019 was continued and to be rescheduled for a later date. She has since submitted proof that she completed the required 20 hours of continuing education (CE) during 2017-18, including 2 hours in ethics.

Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group recommends withdrawing the September 3, 2019 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (NOH) issued to her, accept her CE hours and change her licensure status to “Not Renewing.”

Motion #3

Mr. Starner moved to accept the Investigative Review Group’s recommendation in case CO2019-8060. Ms. Burton seconded the motion. Dr. Prakup abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

TBD

CO2019-1410 Karen Barnes, SP.07680 – Administrative Hearing

The December 4, 2019 hearing was continued; she requested to testify via telephone however she was not available. The hearing was rescheduled for today; however, her certified scheduling letter was unclaimed/returned to the Board office. A copy was mailed via Certificate of Mailing. Ms. Barnes contacted the Board and stated she did not receive the scheduling sent by certificate of mailing. Ms. Barnes has not updated her address with the Board. The Board will now publish the scheduling letter.

March 18, 2020

CO2018-8253 Emily Kautz, SP.07027 – Administrative Hearing

She requested a hearing per the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing that was issued per the December 4, 2019 Board vote.

June 22, 2020

CO2019-7350 Alicia Carrocci, SP.09838 – Administrative Hearing

She requested a hearing per the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing that was issued per the December 4, 2019 Board vote.

2017 – 2018 Continuing Education Audit – Complete

After 1 extension request was granted and the Board's approval of CE and withdrawal the NOH for Heather Jeng case number CO2019-8060, the final CE Audit tally for 2017-2018 is:

The following have been audited:	Audited	Passed	Failed
Random AUD 10%	52	45	7
Random SLP 10%	345	287	55
Prior Board Action AUD/SLP:	24	24	0
Fitters (IL) Late Renewals after 1/30/19	15	11	4
Board Members 2 AUD; 2 SLP	4	4	0
TOTAL	440	371	66

Disciplinary Investigations Statistics To Date for 2020

Disciplinary Investigative Actions Taken Violation Found

None

Category of Disciplinary Investigative Actions Taken

None

LICENSURE APPROVAL – Barbara Prakup

A. License Review

Motion #4

Dr. Prakup moved to ratify the Audiology, Hearing Aid Dealers, Hearing Aid Fitters, Hearing Aid Satellites, Conditional Speech-Language Pathology, Speech-Language Pathology, Aide, and Trainee Permit licenses granted by the Executive Director since the last Board Meeting. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

License: Number	Issue Date	Applicant Full Name
TP.11212	12/2/2019	Patrick Charles Quane
SP.13790	12/4/2019	Laurel Jayne Margraf
A.02239	12/6/2019	Teah Marie Richey
SP.13791	12/6/2019	Rivkah Margareten
SP.13792	12/6/2019	Douglas Browning
SP.13793	12/6/2019	Olivia Grace Bausell
SP.13794	12/6/2019	Abigail M. Rebholz
AIDE.10010-SP	12/9/2019	Tristyn Matthews
AIDE.10105-A	12/10/2019	Deborah M. Wassel
SP.13795	12/12/2019	Allison Marie Stanley
COND.20191259-SP	12/16/2019	Abigayle L Horton
COND.20191260-SP	12/16/2019	Emily Cavanaugh
COND.20191261-SP	12/16/2019	Stephanie Simpkins
COND.20191262-SP	12/16/2019	Alexis Jade Waterer
COND.20191263-SP	12/16/2019	Shelby Rose Montgomery
COND.20191264-SP	12/16/2019	Emily Brooke Newman
COND.20191265-SP	12/16/2019	Alyssa Janelle Tersigni
COND.20191266-SP	12/16/2019	Johna Renee Borosh
COND.20191267-SP	12/16/2019	Theresa Leigh Eaton
COND.20191268-SP	12/16/2019	Marissa Marie Martella
COND.20191269-SP	12/16/2019	Micayla Nicole Benyi
COND.20191270-SP	12/16/2019	Alexa T Adams
COND.20191271-SP	12/16/2019	Lindsay Warne
COND.20191272-SP	12/16/2019	Emily Kaltenbach
SP.13796	12/16/2019	Allison R Wheeler
SP.13797	12/16/2019	Ashleigh Lynne Kramer
TP.11213	12/16/2019	Jennifer Marie Schnoering
COND.20191273-SP	12/17/2019	Haley Ryan
SP.13798	12/19/2019	Katie Chambers
SP.13799	12/19/2019	Sarah Beth Baughman

TP.11214	12/20/2019	Justin P McDowell
COND.20191274-SP	12/30/2019	Juliana L Hirn
SP.13800	12/30/2019	Miriam Akerman
SP.13801	12/30/2019	Lauren Alethea Jackson
SP.13802	12/30/2019	Leslie Diane Janezic
TP.11215	12/30/2019	Jessica L. Wesaw
SP.13803	12/31/2019	Belinda Vickers Givens
SP.13804	12/31/2019	Angela Siegel
SP.13805	12/31/2019	Katherine Amanda Camerer
SP.13806	12/31/2019	Haley Nicole Carper
TP.11216	12/31/2019	Brianne Jane Wiener
A.02240	1/6/2020	Mandee L Riddell
COND.20201275-SP	1/6/2020	Rachel Berning
COND.20201276-SP	1/6/2020	Darci Ann Bangle
SP.13807	1/6/2020	Blissamber S White
SP.13808	1/6/2020	Vanessa Eva Dobo
SP.13809	1/6/2020	Stephanie Getz
A.02241	1/7/2020	Lauren Michele Gross
COND.20201277-SP	1/8/2020	Hannah Stubenbordt
SP.13810	1/8/2020	Alyssa Flower
SP.13811	1/8/2020	Lydia Joan Whisler
SP.13812	1/8/2020	Katie Anne Fulkerson
COND.20201278-SP	1/13/2020	Kaley Samantha Bell
COND.20201279-SP	1/13/2020	Kirsten Leigh Motley
SP.13813	1/13/2020	Joni Monohon
SP.13814	1/13/2020	Natalia Jane Millin
TP.11217	1/13/2020	MEGAN JOHNSON
SP.13815	1/14/2020	Julia Alexis Santiago
SP.13816	1/17/2020	Debra Gipsman
AIDE.10106-A	1/22/2020	Andrew Sevenbergen
HAD.00078-SAT	1/22/2020	Lynn M. Carpenter
HAD.03365	1/23/2020	Zachary I Schaefer
IL.03423	1/24/2020	Rory Allan Gamble
SP.13817	1/24/2020	Victoria Rose Marley
SP.13818	1/29/2020	Allison Marie Bertolino

A.02242	1/31/2020	Kathleen Duchynski-Walters Vivaldi
IL.03424	1/31/2020	Austin Thomas Fidler
SP.13819	1/31/2020	Souzi Boutros
SP.13820	1/31/2020	Mallory Moore
SP.13821	1/31/2020	Bethany Hetrick
COND.20201280-SP	2/4/2020	Emily Ann Catanzarite
COND.20201281-SP	2/4/2020	An Dinh
HAD.03366	2/4/2020	Curtis Bachelor
SP.13822	2/4/2020	Emma Lauren Zelik
SP.13823	2/4/2020	Ashley Ferguson-Cioffi
SP.13824	2/4/2020	Rachel Wallace
SP.13825	2/4/2020	Emily Elizabeth Koza
TP.11218	2/4/2020	Jacob Matthew Arnett
TP.11219	2/4/2020	Whitney Jean Neal
TP.11220	2/4/2020	Kyle Young
SP.13826	2/5/2020	Sarah Scarberry
HAD.00079-SAT	2/7/2020	Curtis Bachelor
HAD.00080-SAT	2/7/2020	Curtis Bachelor
HAD.00081-SAT	2/7/2020	Curtis Bachelor
HAD.00082-SAT	2/7/2020	Curtis Bachelor
HAD.00083-SAT	2/7/2020	Curtis Bachelor
HAD.00084-SAT	2/7/2020	Curtis Bachelor
SP.13827	2/7/2020	Krystal Archibald

Audiology Aides

None

Speech-Language Pathology Aides
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None

Licensure Applications

None

Special Applications

Motion #5

Mr. Pratt moved to approve the proposed consent agreement for **021220-RAN**. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #6

Mr. Pratt moved to ratify the approved consent agreement for **CO2020-1308**. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Starner abstained.

LICENSING SUMMARY

Audiology	1,059
Audiology Aide	84
Conditional Speech-Language Pathology	368
Dual – Audiology and Speech-Language	33
Hearing Aid Dealers	225
Hearing Aid Satellites	384
Hearing Aid Fitters	442
Inactive Audiology	54
Inactive Speech-Language Pathology	300
Speech-Language Pathology	7,707
Speech-Language Pathology Aide	4
Trainee Permit Holders	43

TOTAL**10,703****BOARD BUSINESS****A. Hearing Healthcare Alliance of Ohio Spring Conference – March 14, 2020**

The Board reviewed the agenda for the Hearing Healthcare Alliance spring conference in Dayton, Ohio on March 14, 2020. The Board discussed the benefits in attending the conference. Mr. Thornton will follow-up with individuals who expressed interest in attending.

B. 2020 Strategic Planning

The Board conducted its annual strategic planning session which was facilitated by Ms. Brown to identify initiatives for 2020.

The Board took a recess at 12 noon and returned to public session at 12:35 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Starner provided a Rules Committee report from their last meeting on October 30, 2019. Mr. Starner stated that the Rules Committee will be meeting immediately following the board meeting and is looking forward to working on several rule initiatives this year.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board discussed correspondence received from Mr. Chris Gonzales regarding telehealth services. After discussion with the Assistant Attorney General, the Board directed Mr. Thornton to respond that Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4747 does not address the sale, fitting, or dispensing of hearing aids via telehealth. The Board further directed the correspondence to indicated that Mr.

Gonzales should review the laws and rules governing hearing aid dealers and hearing aid fitters, including the newly adopted code of ethics and rules on appropriate test procedures.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Board welcomed several graduate level audiology students and faculty who were in Columbus for the Third Annual Ohio Audiology Advocacy Day, sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Audiology and Ohio Student Academy of Audiology.

MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no member concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Tammy H. Brown, Board President

Barbara L. Prakup, Board Secretary

Date

Date

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date