



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

Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, May 11, 2020

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Board President, Tammy H. Brown, held virtually via Skype Meeting due to COVID-19.

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
Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Principal Assistant Attorney General

AGENDA

The agenda for the May 11, 2020, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 12, 2020 board meetings were reviewed.

Motion #2

Dr. Prakup moved to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2020 board meeting. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Tammy Brown thanked everyone for attending the virtual board meeting due to COVID-19. She thanked the board staff for their preparedness and teamwork while working via telecommute. She thanked board members who provided guidance and resources to the staff in the midst of the pandemic. She thanked everyone for their hard work to move things forward in a smooth and efficient manner.

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
- COVID-19 updates
- ASLP-IC Interstate Compact
- Healthcare Boards Workgroup – Sexual Misconduct
- Licensure renewal campaign
- Board appointments
- Financial disclosure statement filings

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Cheryl Hawkinson updated the Board on the legislation that was recently passed which allows public meetings to be held virtually. She noted that the Public Meetings Act is still applicable to the Board's virtual public meetings, e.g., prior notice of meetings, accessible for participation by the public, etc. She stated that the Board will be holding an administrative hearing via Skype at the June meeting. Ms. Hawkinson also updated that Board on passage of HB197 which tolls certain licenses from expiring through December 1, 2020, and automatically extends the renewal period for ninety days. This will only affect licenses for conditional speech-language pathology and trainee permits.

INVESTIGATIONS

Board Actions

New Cases – 1

CO2020-1180

This case involves a speech-language pathologist (SLP) who self-reported that she did not renew by midnight 1/31/2018, the renewal deadline. Her employer confirmed that she worked/practiced 249.5 days, fulltime, of the 399 days her license was expired. Her employer corrected all billing/reimbursement. She remains employed with them.

Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group (IRG) recommends revising the current IRG Guidelines from suspend half the number of days expired to suspend half the number of days

“practiced/worked” while expired if verified by the employer; if not, then the IRG guidelines would be to suspend half the number of days the license was expired. Thus, the IRG recommends offering her a Consent Agreement (Consent) with the following terms and conditions. The 124 days suspension will be served on designated dates (weekends and holidays).

- Audit her continuing education (CE) hours for the next two practice bienniums, (2019-2020 and 2021-2022);
- She may be subject to random CE audits after the 2021-2022 biennium;
- She shall notify the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) of the Consent if she holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence awarded by ASHA.

Additionally, IRG recommends she be credited with 16 days towards her suspension. The licensee agreed to the terms and signed the Consent.

Motion #3

Ms. Burton moved to accept the Investigative Review Group’s recommendation in case **CO2020-1180**. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. Mr. Pratt abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Return Cases – 1

CO2018-10136

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who provided parent volunteer services at her child’s school on three occasions. Another student and the SLP’s child attended the same school and were in the same classroom where the SLP provided parent volunteer services. The student was also a client of the SLP’s speech business, but the SLP was not the student’s assigned SLP. The mother of the student asked the SLP to provide her with observations of her child. During the days that the SLP volunteered in the classroom, she emailed the student’s mother her observations of the student. After receiving additional information and meeting with the SLP, it appears the mother’s email to her student’s school included additional information that was not in the emails from the SLP and the school did not retain the volunteer form. Therefore, after review of the additional information, the IRG is recommending that the Board reconsider its August 14, 2019 vote to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (NOH) letter and instead issue an educational letter.

Motion #4

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the Investigative Review Group’s recommendation in case **CO2018-10136**. Ms. Slone seconded the motion. Dr. Prakup abstained. Mr. Pratt abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Investigative Report – Connie Allen

OPENED Cases/Investigations since the last Board Meeting 2/12/2020	7
CLOSED Cases/Investigations since the last Board Meeting 2/12/2020	24
Current Open Investigations	16
Current Open Cases – Due to Monitoring Consent Agreement(s)	5
Current Open Cases – Due to Monitoring Adjudication Order(s)	1
Of Current Investigations – Consumer Complaints	12
Of Current Investigations – Referral Complaints	4

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

Application Requirements Not Met	0
Billing Fraud	4
Continuing Education Violation and/or Self Report	1
Conviction	0
False or Misleading Advertisement	0
Falsified/Misleading Application	0
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	0
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Other	1
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	2
Renewal Issue	0
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	0
Unlicensed Practice	1
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	7

Sub-Categories – Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct

Assaulted Patient. Patient did not press charges	1
Hearing Aid Issue – Cost, Not Received, Records, Repair, Return/Refund, Testing	1
IEP Minutes Not Met	2
Non-Consent from parent- mentioned other student name(s)	1
Not Returning Patients Calls	1
Social Media Post (personal page)	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 – 6
- Referral to Other Agency – 4

Cases Previously Heard – 1**CO2019-7350 Ms. Carrocci, SP. 09838**

This case involves a speech-language pathologist who documented having provided speech therapy services (765 minutes) to eight patients from May 31, 2019 through June 5, 2019, when in fact speech therapy services/ were not provided. The employer corrected the billing. She was terminated from employment as a result. A NOH was issued December 16, 2019 (per December 4, 2019 board vote). She requested a hearing. She has since agreed to enter into a settlement agreement in lieu of a hearing.

Accordingly, the IRG recommends offering and approving the signed Consent in lieu of the June 22, 2020 scheduled hearing with the following terms and conditions:

- 5-year suspension stayed except for 30 days. The 30 days suspension shall be served on designated dates (weekends/holidays);
- Complete an additional 12 hours of continuing education (CE): 2 hours in ethics, 2 hours billing, 2 hours in time management, 2 hours in record keeping and 4 hours related to skilled

nursing due 120 days from the effective date of the Consent. The 12 additional hours of CE shall not be applied towards the 20 hours required for the current licensure biennium, for renewal;

- Audit her CE hours for the next two practice bienniums, (2019-2020 and 2021-2022);
- She may be subject to random continuing education audits after the 2021-2022 biennium;
- Complete the Board's jurisprudence examination within 90 days of receiving the examination;
- No later than every six months, she shall provide the Board with a letter from her mental health team attesting that she is continuing treatment, following her mental health care plan, and she is able to perform her job as a speech-language pathologist;
- She shall provide the Board with a release to obtain any and all medical information related to her mental health condition within 60 days from the date the Board approves the Consent;
- She and her mental health team shall immediately notify the Board if there is a relapse or change in her mental health treatment plan. If the Board receives information that she is no longer in treatment, the Board, in its discretion, may require she complete a mental health assessment by a mental health provider approved by the Board;
- Her employer, whether fulltime, part-time and/or PRN, shall submit her annual performance evaluation within 30 days from the date of her annual performance evaluation;

She shall notify the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) of her Consent if she holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence awarded by ASHA.

Motion #5

Ms. Burton moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case **CO2019-7350**. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. Dr. Prakup abstained. Mr. Pratt abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Scheduled Hearings

Continued – TBD

The following two March 18, 2020 hearings were continued to today, due to cancellation of the March 18, 2020 meeting. However, due to today's board meeting being held virtually, today's hearings have also been continued. The two licensees will be notified at a later date of their re-scheduled hearing date.

CO2018-8253 Emily Kautz, SP.07027 – Administrative Hearing
She requested a hearing regarding the NOH issued per the December 4, 2019 Board vote.

CO2019-1410 Karen Barnes, SP.07680 – Administrative Hearing
She requested a hearing regarding the NOH issued per the August 14, 2019 Board vote. Her December 4 and February 12, 2019 hearings were continued. A Notice was published in the Akron Beacon Journal legal section on February 20, 27 and March 5, 2020 regarding today's hearing which has also been continued.

June 22, 2020 - Canceled

CO2019-7350 Alicia Carrocci, SP.09838 – Administrative Hearing
In lieu of the June 22, 2020 hearing that the licensee requested (regarding the NOH issued per the December 4, 2019 Board vote) she agreed to enter into a settlement agreement. She agreed to the terms and signed the Consent. Today the Board approved her signed Consent.

Disciplinary Investigations Statistics To-Date for 2020Disciplinary Investigative Actions Taken

Hearings	0
Adjudication Orders	0
Consent Agreements	0
Consent Agreements Non-Reportable	0
Cease & Desist Letters	0
Educational Letters	7
Referrals to Prosecutor	0
Referrals to Other Agencies	5

Category of Disciplinary Investigative Actions Taken

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

LICENSURE APPROVAL – Barbara Prakup**A. License Review****Motion #6**

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

License: Number	Issue Date	Applicant Full Name
TP.11221	2/11/2020	Daniela Jimenez
COND.20201282-SP	2/11/2020	Frederick Roy Stal
HAD.00086-SAT	2/13/2020	Matthew E Starner
SP.13828	2/13/2020	Megan Kidd

HAD.03367	2/13/2020	Jerry A Rank
SP.13829	2/13/2020	Allison Marie Reddick
HAD.00085-SAT	2/13/2020	Matthew E Starner
SP.13830	2/14/2020	Alexis McKenzie McCowin
SP.13832	2/14/2020	Phebe Marie Crouch
SP.13831	2/14/2020	Olivia A Dempsey
SP.13834	2/20/2020	Samantha Mocariski
SP.13833	2/20/2020	Rachel Renee Magrini
SP.13835	2/20/2020	Christa Eileen Hunt
TP.11222	2/20/2020	Casey Daniel Fletcher
SP.13836	2/20/2020	Carroll J Beavers
IL.03425	2/21/2020	Courtney A Head
SP.13840	2/24/2020	Bradley Kimbel
SP.13841	2/24/2020	Vanessa Jacob
SP.13837	2/24/2020	Hanna Marie Smith
SP.13839	2/24/2020	Amy Lynn Finn
SP.13838	2/24/2020	Caitlin Kelleher
SP.13842	2/24/2020	Jennifer Lynn Hensley
COND.20201283-SP	2/26/2020	Bridget T Trimble
AIDE.10108-A	2/26/2020	Rhianna helen Gattshall
HAD.03368	2/26/2020	Stephen B Snyder
SP.13844	2/26/2020	Haley Waizmann
AIDE.10107-A	2/26/2020	Charlotte Mary Jason Silveira
SP.13843	2/26/2020	Julianna Joyce Spinazze
HAD.00087-SAT	2/27/2020	Stephen B Snyder
SP.13845	2/28/2020	Roxanne Pilger
SP.13847	3/3/2020	Cassidy M Argento
SP.13848	3/3/2020	Ellie Jeanette Woodford
SP.13846	3/3/2020	Kayley Miller
SP.13852	3/5/2020	Meghan Leanne Smith
SP.13854	3/5/2020	Mariah Noelle Smart
SP.13856	3/5/2020	Carmen Jean Howey
SP.13849	3/5/2020	Dawn Elaine MacMeans
SP.13855	3/5/2020	Alison Leigh Kolonick
SP.13850	3/5/2020	Isabella Adele Morelli
SP.13853	3/5/2020	Katie Giardina
SP.13851	3/5/2020	Kendra Marie Koester
AIDE.10109-A	3/5/2020	Chandler Simmons
SP.13857	3/6/2020	Justine Ann Kahle
AIDE.10110-A	3/9/2020	Darcy D Bates
SP.13858	3/9/2020	Irisarilu Sandoval
A.02243	3/9/2020	Emily Anne Bondus
SP.13859	3/9/2020	Macie Deanne Robinson
SP.13860	3/9/2020	Mason Paul Meek
SP.13861	3/9/2020	Elizabeth Ann DeAngelo
SP.13868	3/10/2020	Hannah Peterson

SP.13862	3/10/2020	Marie Elizabeth Colangeli
SP.13864	3/10/2020	Marjorie Lindley Weiss
SP.13863	3/10/2020	Brooke Nicole Miller
SP.13865	3/10/2020	Krystin Tondra
SP.13867	3/10/2020	Kathryn E Peters
SP.13866	3/10/2020	Hannah Marie Holdren
HAD.03369	3/10/2020	Nicholas D Fulkerson
SP.13869	3/10/2020	Sierra Dianne Mayle
HAD.00089-SAT	3/17/2020	Neena Newton
HAD.00088-SAT	3/17/2020	Neena Newton
AIDE.10011-SP	3/20/2020	Jessica Ann Hunt
SP.13870	3/20/2020	Nicolette Isakov
HAD.03370	3/20/2020	Joseph E Baker
SP.13872	3/20/2020	Aileen Marie Panarella
SP.09160	3/20/2020	Jill Dixon
SP.13871	3/20/2020	Alexis Bishop
TP.11223	3/20/2020	Rylee Shimmer
SP.13874	3/23/2020	Kelsey Dawn Allen
HAD.03371	3/23/2020	John Matthew Goik
SP.13875	3/25/2020	Beth Heather Arnold
SP.13877	3/26/2020	Abigail Rebecca Goldman
TEMP.00003-A	3/30/2020	Hope Danielle Lanter
TEMP.00005-SP	4/1/2020	Jayne Allison Kaplan-Krutz
TEMP.00004-SP	4/1/2020	Taylor Wolfe
SP.13879	4/3/2020	Hillary Marie Dursch
SP.13878	4/3/2020	Sincy Paul
SP.13880	4/6/2020	Stephanie Lynn Rammes
SP.13882	4/7/2020	Jordan Olausson
SP.13883	4/7/2020	Sarah Anne Leong
SP.13884	4/7/2020	Katherine Bonds
SP.13881	4/7/2020	Roseanne Fry
SP.13885	4/7/2020	Brittany Jade Shields
TEMP.00006-SP	4/9/2020	Heidi A Hosick
TEMP.00007-SP	4/10/2020	Holly Anne Shapiro
TEMP.00008-SP	4/10/2020	Loretta Macaluso
SP.13891	4/16/2020	JULIANA L HIRN
SP.13889	4/16/2020	Jessica Schulte
SP.13890	4/16/2020	Cortney Nicole Hansen
SP.13892	4/16/2020	Jaiden Shadwick
SP.13887	4/16/2020	Alicia Ann Verhovitz
SP.13893	4/16/2020	Kara Januszewski
TEMP.00004-A	4/16/2020	George A. Modreck
SP.13895	4/16/2020	Joshua Salvatore Cronauer
SP.13888	4/16/2020	Lindsey Marie Swan
SP.13886	4/16/2020	Jenna Nicole Kendall
SP.13894	4/16/2020	Colleen Scheible

SP.05351	4/20/2020	Bryn Allison Brown
SP.13896	4/20/2020	Debbie-Ann Cecile Brooks
AIDE.10111-A	4/20/2020	Ian Martin
TEMP.00009-SP	4/21/2020	Beth Anne Tidd
TEMP.00010-SP	4/21/2020	Shae Malinda Dean
SP.13899	4/23/2020	Marisa Nicole Lucarelli
SP.13898	4/23/2020	Rebecca J Rickman
SP.13897	4/23/2020	Erin Stefancin
SP.13900	4/24/2020	Benjamin Michael Mason
SP.05351	4/24/2020	Pamela Jane Holland
SP.13909	4/24/2020	Madison Louise Hermes
SP.13902	4/24/2020	Page E Mayberry
SP.13905	4/24/2020	Brandi Emma Nicole Jett
SP.13907	4/24/2020	Lucy Diana Finkel
SP.13908	4/24/2020	Taylor Kaye Perry
SP.13906	4/24/2020	Kate Marble
SP.13911	4/24/2020	Jody Shahan
SP.13903	4/24/2020	Shelby Erhart
TEMP.00011-SP	4/24/2020	Sharon D Frank
SP.13904	4/24/2020	Lauren Grace Brinker
SP.13910	4/24/2020	Lindsey Rife
SP.04718	4/27/2020	Beth Anne Tidd
SP.13913	4/27/2020	Megan Joy Blackburn
TEMP.00012-SP	4/27/2020	Rebecca Sokoloff
COND.20201285-SP	4/28/2020	Mckenzie Ann Marson
TEMP.00013-SP	4/29/2020	HEIDI MORELAND
A.02245	5/1/2020	Hayley Maureen Stegemiller
A.02249	5/1/2020	Rachel Elizabeth Wade
A.02252	5/1/2020	Audrey Elaine Frederick
A.02250	5/1/2020	Lauren Elizabeth Johnson
A.02251	5/1/2020	Gabriella Elizabeth Mayer
A.02247	5/1/2020	Caroline Jane Mullen
A.02246	5/1/2020	Evan S. Murphy
A.02248	5/1/2020	Anna Catherine Martini
TEMP.00005-A	5/1/2020	Megan Gibbons
TEMP.00006-A	5/1/2020	Meghan Safko
SP.13917	5/4/2020	Rena Mustafa
SP.13919	5/4/2020	Courtney Evelyn Logan
SP.13921	5/4/2020	Hilary Gayle Sample
COND.20201290-SP	5/4/2020	Krysta Vito
SP.13876	5/4/2020	Kelley Danielle Selhorst
COND.20201286-SP	5/4/2020	Kristen Marie Dunlap
SP.13918	5/4/2020	Mackenzie Chalifoux
COND.20201287-SP	5/4/2020	Hannah Rose Sherman
SP.13915	5/4/2020	Ella Martina Vidal
A.02254	5/4/2020	Olivia Marie Falter

SP.13916	5/4/2020	Carrie Guay
COND.20201288-SP	5/4/2020	Kelly Janet DiLullo
SP.13914	5/4/2020	Heidi Jane Baschnagel
COND.20201289-SP	5/4/2020	Melody Shontz Culbert
A.02253	5/4/2020	John Liette
SP.13920	5/4/2020	Jessica Johnson

Audiology Aides

None

Speech-Language Pathology Aides
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None

Licensure Applications

None

Special Applications

None

LICENSING SUMMARY

Audiology	1,071
Audiology Aide	89
Conditional Speech-Language Pathology	302
Dual – Audiology and Speech-Language	33
Hearing Aid Dealers	229
Hearing Aid Satellites	386
Hearing Aid Fitters	443
Inactive Audiology	54
Inactive Speech-Language Pathology	299
Speech-Language Pathology	7,811
Speech-Language Pathology Aide	5
Trainee Permit Holders	46

TOTAL**10,768**

The Board took a break at approximately 11:00 a.m. and returned to public session at approximately 11:10 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

A. 2020 Strategic Planning

The Board reviewed a final draft of the 2020 strategic plan of work, which was discussed at the February 12, 2020 board meeting. The document was distributed for additional feedback after the February meeting. Additional edits were made based on the feedback.

Motion #7

Ms. Mayle moved to accept the 2020 strategic plan of work. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. CE Broker

The Board's service agreement with CE Brokers is scheduled to expire at the end of May 2020. Both parties wish to enter into a new service agreement for a period of four years. The terms under the new service agreement are virtually identical to the terms under the current agreement. The Board reviewed the proposed service agreement.

Motion #8

Mr. Pratt moved to renew the service agreement with CE Broker. Dr. Prakup seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Rules Committee – Updates on meeting held on February 12, 2020**

Matt Starnar reported on the topics discussed at the Rules Committee held on February 12, 2020. Mr. Starnar noted there are several rules planned for review this year. He stated that priority would be given to the five-year rules scheduled for 2020 and new rules required based on the law that recently passed granting a temporary license for active-duty military or their spouse.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board discussed correspondence that was sent to Hear.com since that last meeting.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There were no comments from members of the public or professional organizations.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Dr. Spangler discussed the challenges for practitioners completing continuing education due to COVID-19. Discussions ensued about whether the Board should collaborate with other entities to offer continuing education, such as an ethics training, virtually. Mr. Thornton noted this had been explored but was not feasible due to logistical and ethical issues. It was noted that the Board currently collaborates with various professional associations to provide continuing education at their annual conference. The Board also provides ethics trainings in various work settings such as schools, hospitals, universities, non-profits centers, etc. The Board provides licensees with resources listing continuing education providers via its website, social media, and newsletter. The Board noted that in response to COVID-19 many national associations are offering free continuing education. Information about free continuing education will be included in the summer newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.



Tammy H. Brown, Board President

June 22, 2020
Date



Barbara L. Prakup, Board Secretary

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Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

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