

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY  
MINUTES  
March 10, 2009**

A regular Board Meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was held at the Division of Occupations and Professions 911 Leawood Drive Frankfort, Kentucky on March 10, 2009.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Angela Morris, Audiologist  
Dr. Victoria Graff, Audiologist  
Heather Johnson, SLP  
Bridget Stanfield, SLP  
Dr. Kevin Kavanagh, Otolaryngologist  
Bettyruth Bruington, Citizen-at-Large

**OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF**

Barbara Rucker, Supervisor  
Susan Ellis, Fiscal Section Supervisor  
Adriana Lang, Administrative Specialist III

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kellie Ellis, SLP

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Michael West, Attorney  
Anna Marie Diggs

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**Call to Order**

The Chairperson, Dr. Angela Morris, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Heather Johnson to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled Board Meeting on February 10, 2009. The motion, seconded by Ms. Bridget Stanfield, carried.

**Financial Statement**

The Financial Statements for July 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 was presented to the Board for review and discussion. A motion was made by Ms. Bridget Stanfield to approve the Financial Statement as presented. The motion, seconded by Ms. Heather Johnson, carried.

**Licensure Status Report**

The Board reviewed the licensure status report as of March 10, 2009.

**Director's Report**

Ms. Barbara Rucker informed the Board that Ms. Frances Short was unable to attend today's meeting, and provided the following reports:

The Division of Occupations and Professions has placed two new Administrative Specialist III positions on the Personnel Cabinet's website. The Division hopes to fill those vacancies shortly after the positions' closing dates.

Ms. Rucker provided the Board a list with 104 names of licensees that submitted incomplete renewals, since the February Board meeting.

### **Director's Report Continued**

Ms. Rucker informed the Board that in order for the Division of Occupations and Professions to provide a budget figure for the SLP/A Board, the Fiscal Section needs to know specifically how many employees the Board intends to hire. Dr. Angela Morris stated that the Board would be looking to hire a Board administrator and a Board Director. Dr. Morris also stated that at this point, she was not sure if the Board was going to leave the Division of Occupations and Professions.

### **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Michael West provided the Board a copy of the Opinion Request to the Executive Branch of Ethics Commission (EBEC). Mr. West stated that he forwarded the draft to Dr. Angela Morris for a review. Dr. Morris stated that she signed and mailed the letter. Dr. Kavanagh questioned if any response is received from the EBEC. Ms. Morris and Mr. West stated that they have not received a response to this point.

The Board requested Mr. West to send an electronic copy of the new regulations to Dr. Morris and Ms. Ellis so they can finalize the draft before the next scheduled Board meeting. Mr. West stated that he would do so.

### **Complaint Review Committee**

Dr. Angela Morris provided the following Complaint Committee's recommendations:

08-002 Dismissed.

09-001 File administrative complaint against the licensee and not approve renewal until disciplinary action is finalized.

09-002 File administrative complaint against the licensee, fine \$500.00, provide 5.0 hours of continuing education focused on ethics by the next renewal deadline and obligations under case # 08-CR-00283.

Dr. Victoria Graff made a motion to accept the Complaint Committee's recommendations of today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Ms. Bridget Stanfield, carried.

### **Old Business**

Anna Marie Diggs was present. The Board discussed with Ms. Diggs her current renewal status. After discussion, Dr. Kevin Kavanagh made a motion to approve Ms. Diggs reinstatement as soon as a total amount of \$250.00 reinstatement fee is received. The motion, seconded by Dr. Victoria Graff, carried. Mr. Diggs reinstatement was approved as of March 10, 2009

The Board agreed to reschedule the time of the April 14, 2009 Board meeting as follows:

8:30 a.m. Complaint Review Committee Meeting

9:00 a.m. Board Meeting/ Regulations Review Meeting/ Applications Review Meeting

The Board discussed a possibility of drafting new regulations to eliminate the renewal grace period and the six months extension to obtain continuing education for reactivation or reinstatement. Dr. Morris asked the Board to think about the discussion.

### **Old Business Continued**

The Board discussed the licensure requirements for professionals that hold licenses in another state. As a new procedure, the Board agreed that a letter of good standing will not be required, if applicants list on their applications that their license are inactive, expired or terminated. The Board also agreed that letters of good standing is required only for professionals that hold active licenses in another state.

### **New Business**

Dr. Victoria Graff made a motion for the Division of Occupations and Professions to send a plaque automatically to all Board members that expire or end their terms as a member of the Board. The motion, seconded by Ms. Bridget Stanfield, carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Austin Black requesting consideration for the new Board member position.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the American Academy of Audiology regarding their annual convention.

The Board reviewed an e-mail from Ms. Renee Fuller regarding “question about scope of practice”. Ms. Heather Johnson made a motion for their attorney to send Ms. Fuller a response and refer her questions to the Kentucky Medical Board (KMA). The motion, seconded by Dr. Kevin Kavanagh, carried.

The Board reviewed an e-mail from Ms. Thearsa Moore regarding “SLPA and due process”. The Board authorized Dr. Morris to send Ms. Moore a response on their behalf.

### **Application Review**

Ms. Heather Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bridget Stanfield and carried, to approve recommendations made from today’s meeting for the following applicants for licensure in the appropriate area:

AUDIOLOGY: *Ann Clifton, Katherine Fick and Atry Karami.*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY: *Audrey Blacketer, Tamara Dotson, Erin Dunnaway, Pamela Givens, Micah Hines, Sonya Hummel-McNeil, Vanessa Kemper, Summer Larsen, Tabitha McCann, Toni Morrow, Elizabeth Perkins, Lora Richardson, Sherry Robinson and Alisa White.*

The Board deferred *Chasity Oakes* to provide Master’s degree transcript.

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM: *Jackie Dunn and Jamie Seymour.*

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT: *Chassidy Gambrell and Kayla Sandlin.*

CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AND/OR PPE: *Sarah Walker.*

**Application Review Continued**

REINSTATEMENT: *Ann Marie Diggs*.

The Board deferred *Robert Marshall* to provide proof of continuing education.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Ms. Heather Johnson made a motion to approve the continuing education recommendation for today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Ms. Bettyruth Bruington, carried.

**Travel and Per Diem**

A motion was made by Ms. Bridget Stanfield and seconded by Ms. Heather Johnson to approve payment of travel expenses and per diem compensation to eligible members in attendance at today's meeting.

**Adjournment**

Having no further items of discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Heather Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion, seconded by Ms. Bridget Stanfield, carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.



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Approved