

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 14, 2026

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing on April 14, 2026, via Teams and in PPC Conference Room 239CW at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS' PRESENT

Angela Mikel, AUD
Margaret Adkins, AUD
Alice Inman, SLP
Kimberly Toppel, AUD
Tamara Cranfill, SLP
Beth McNulty, Otolaryngologist
Ciera Sherwood, SLP

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
LICENSING STAFF**

Kristen Lawson, Commissioner
Gabriel Dent, Administrative Supervisor
Chelsey Moye, Administrative Specialist Senior
Jenna Wells, Administrative Specialist Senior

MEMBERS ABSENT

Deborah Harman, Citizen-At-Large

OTHERS

Sara Janes, Board Counsel

Call to Order

Margaret Adkins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda - Minutes and Monthly Financial Report

The Board meeting minutes from February 10, 2026, were presented for Board review. Alice Inman motioned to approve the minutes. Tamara Cranfill seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The financial reports for February 2026 and March 2026 were presented to the Board for review. There were no additional questions.

Licensure Status Report

Gabriel Dent presented the licensure status report to the Board for review. There were no additional questions.

DPL Report

No report.

Board Attorney's Report

Board Counsel reported on the following 2026 Legislation.

- HB185:
 - Legislation passed with an effective date of January 1st, 2027, for regulations relating to a predetermination on disqualifications for licensure based on criminal convictions.
- HB266: Effective July 15, 2026. Adds SLPA to Healthcare Workforce
- HB459: Effective January 1, 2028, for regulations relating to data collection
- HB657: Effective July 15, 2026, for regulations relating to FBI Background Check requirements for licensure.
 - Regulations Committee is prioritizing the FBI Background check in form incorporation/regulation updates
 - Discusses the filing of an Emergency Regulation and not an ordinary regulation when filing the Background check regulation
 - Plan to discuss by the May 12, 2026, meeting.
 - The Board discussed submission of an application for an ORI number from the Kentucky State Police. A motion was made by Alice Inman for the Board chair to work with the Board Administrator and Counsel to complete the ORI application. Tamara Cranfill seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- SB177: Legislation failed to pass.
- HB444: Legislation failed to pass.

Old Business

Margaret Adkins briefly discussed the Board working toward establishing a requirement and process for interim supervision audits. The Board did not reach a decision and tabled additional discussion until 2027. Margaret Adkins requested that the Board Specialist update that action item to include Jurisprudence exams and then leave it on future agendas under Old Business with the tabled 2027 date.

Tamara Cranfill provided an update from the ASLP-IC Rules Committee. On April 28, 2026, five proposed compact rules were published for public comment. The proposed rules are on dispute resolution, joint investigations, post graduate professional experience, national examination and military identification. The public comment period for these proposed rules ends on May 28, 2026. The Board Specialist to send out updates on proposed changes to governing rules and the public comment period.

Administrative Supervisor, Gabriel Dent, provided the dates and registration information for the two PPC hosted Board Member Trainings scheduled for May 2026.

New Business

- The Board reviewed its MOA Contract with the Department of Professional Licensing, its PSC Contract with Investigative Services and its MOA Contract with the Office of Legal Services for FY2027-2028. A motion was made by Tamara Cranfill for Board approval of its DPL, Investigative Service and OLS contract, as amended. Angela Mikel seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- The Board reviewed the NCSB Spring 2026 Newsletter and the NCSB 2026 Annual Conference announcement. There was a discussion held on the attendance of Board administrative and member delegates at the NCSB 2026 Annual Conference. A motion was made by Ciera

Sherwood for Chelsey Moye to attend the 2026 NCSB Annual Conference as the Boards administrative delegate. Angela Mikel seconded the motion and the motion carried. A decision on the attendance of a Board member delegate was tabled until the Special Meeting on May 12, 2026.

- The Special Meeting scheduled for May 12, 2026, has been updated to include review of Board Emergency Regulations for the FBI Background Check Requirement set forth in HB657.
- The Board Specialist provided a notice of accreditation actions from CAA for Board review.

Pending Complaints

The complaints committee reviewed the following complaints on March 10, 2026, and April 14, 2026, and provided the following recommendations for Board review.

- 2025-SLP-00004: Offer of Informal Settlement with the following terms
 - A \$484.00 fine equal to the cost of the investigation based on the Respondent's failure to respond to the complaint and the board's attempts to contact the Respondent,
 - Written verification from the school district on how the improper billing to Medicaid has been reported and resolved,
 - 3 hours of ethics, and
 - No further violation of KY SLPA statutes and regulations
- J.A. Correspondence Regarding J.G.: Take no action since J.A. does not wish to file a formal complaint or participate in a board investigation which would afford J.G. the opportunity to respond. The correspondence will therefore not be placed in J.G.'s licensure file.

Angela Mikel motioned to accept the committee's recommendations. Alice Inman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Applications Review

The Applications Committee reviewed the following applications on and between March 10, 2026, and April 14, 2026, and provided the resulting recommendations for Board review.

AUDIOLOGY- APPROVED: *Richard Roberts, Elizabeth Roberts, Katilin Hill, Michanne Davidson,*

AUDIOLOGY-APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:

AUDIOLOGY- DEFERRED:

AUDIOLOGY-DENIED: *Edward Luker*

AUDIOLOGY-REINSTATEMENTS-APPROVED: *Sharon Hoke*

AUDIOLOGY-REINSTATEMENTS-APPROVED WITH PROVISION: *Christina Callahan,*

AUDIOLOGY INTERIM - APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- CHANGE IN SUPERVISION - APPROVED

Morgan Haynes, Heather Ison, Grace Buchanon, James Meyer, Audrey Barnett, Anna Salyer, Erin Collins, Jennay Burke,

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- CHANGE IN SUPERVISION-Deferred:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-EXTENSION REQUEST-APPROVED: *Alayna Willis, Camille Golden, Emily Snellen, Kelli Capps, Keilee Brown*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- EXTENSION REQUEST- DENIED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-EXTENSION REQUEST-DEFERRED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- APPROVED: *Abigail Short, Katherine Bohannon*

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- APPROVED WITH PROVSIONS:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- DEFERRED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-DENIED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT - APPROVED: *Kayla Travis,*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT-APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT-EXTENSION REQUEST-
APPROVED:
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT PPE REPORT/EVALUATION-
APPROVED:
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT CHANGE IN SUPERVISION
APPROVED:
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT- APPROVED:
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT- APPROVED WITH PROVISION:
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT – REINSTATEMENT – APPROVED:
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT – RENEWAL – APPROVED: *Susan Scheer*
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT CHANGE IN SUPERVISION- APPROVED:
Lydia Emberton, Bailey Brown, Emma Zehr, Jennifer Lee Johnson, Renee Morris
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- APPROVED: *Kaylie Zabel, Daliana De Jesus, Hannah
Jennings, Stacy Grossman, Zahra Orti, Gianna Vilmarys Rivera Ortiz, Maura Rice, Melissa Denning,
Jocelyn Odium, Abigail Williams, Ashley McNerlin, Ashleigh Mounkes, Stephanie Mays, Callie Lewis,
Caleigh Netherton, Hannah Lanham, Brittney Haas, Keilee Brown, Skylynn Steward, Madison Boswell,
Emily McDuffee, Mary Claire Natalie, Madeline Maybriar, Lakeia Curry, Emily Lang, Reba Hall, Amy
Albertson, Lori Myers, Peyton Waldrop, Luna Gates, Kyle Barkley, Andrea Morgan*
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- DEFERRED: *Judith Barrow*
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY-DENIED
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- APPROVED: *Kathy Ann Dapkus,
Cameron Veigl Melissa Burnett, James Dendy, Barbara Biallas, Monica Jordan, Stephanie Blankenship,
Amy Leeann Todd Clem, Selena Abbott, Amanda Clark Wright, Samantha Palmer, Darcy Long, Elizabeth
Douthitt-Sizemore, Jesse Jenkins, Elizabeth Bain, Jenny Thrasher, Rebecca Rothenburger, Amanda Garver,
Bethany Ingmand, Tiffany Taylor Smith, Haley Dewitt, Brittney Robbins, Crystal Anderson, Rachel M
Benavidez, Shelby Woods, Julia Rogers, Amy Reed, Traci Bray, Leigh Beth Shafer, Sherri Rice, Katelin Lee
Linkous, Brittany Spencer Thomas, Abigail Little, Kaitlin Johnson, Leslie Reece Trimble, Lindsay Elizabeth
O'Daniel, Kara Cole, Elizabeth Preston, Olivia Franklin, Taylor Raylynn Messina, Kelci Lenee' Fisher,
Haley Renee Kingston, Laurel Esme Thomas, Stevie Cristine Glenn, Sara Utley*
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS – APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:
*Ciera Taylor, Cynthia Reid, Laura Miller, Jeni Anderson, Maida Webb, Erin Sarver, Victoria Mears,
Morgan Hill*
SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- DEFFERED:
SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- DENIED:
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY-RENEWAL-APPROVED: *Eleanore Thompson*
REIMBURSEMENT: *Whitney Harrison, Jacie Dunn-Garcia, Caitlyn Denton, Craig Rawson*
REACTIVATION OF LICENSURE:
RATIFIED DECISIONS – AUD REINSTATEMENTS– APPROVED: *Kristen Evans Hilsher, Ann
Rothpletz*
RATIFIED DECISIONS – AUD REINSTATEMENTS - APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS: *Craig
Rawson*
RATIFIED DECISIONS –SLP REINSTATEMENTS– APPROVED: *Maria Baron, Shannon Kolbe,
Crystal Wells, Anne Wallace, Mary Beth Hammond, Brittany Mayo, Deborah Emrick, Amy Elliott
Vankirk, Alyson Hendry, Amy Miller, Fatima Warren, Kristen Hawes, Jennifer Liggett Hellard, Anne
Olsen, Teresa Easterling, Charissa Kelly, Jaime Prince, Laura Cronin, Jordan Kappen, Courtney White,
Tammy Hayes, Mary Diane Klug, Rebecca Hudson, Victoria Huffman, Stephanie Watson, Erin Mueller,
Sarah Amalia Leigh, Jonathan Williams, Rebecca Medley, Emily Hackman, Kortney Vanderpool*

RATIFIED DECISIONS – SLP REINSTATEMENT – APPROVED EXTENSION: *Tara Gnau, Sarah Stockton, Janine Bartley,*

RATIFIED DECISIONS – SLP REINSTATEMENTS - APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS: *Erin Scherrer, Shelley Payne, Mary Avery, Jennifer Compton. Lauren Gilland, Tracy Black, Kelly Daniel, Amy Purvis, Katherine Crawford, Amy Wilson, Elizabeth Atcher, Amy Engelhaven, Jennifer Jacobs, Lynda White, Abigail Sykes, Andrea Ritter, Nicole Ponting, Jacie Dunn-Garcia, Jessica Rowe, Brittany Humphreys, Jaclyn Benoit,*

RATIFIED DECISIONS – CHANGE IN SUPERVISION – APPROVED: *Tracey Bailey,*

RATIFIED DECISIONS – SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – APPROVED: *Anne Stewart, Sarah Watson, Sydney Atwell*

RATIFIED DECISIONS – INTERIM SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT – APPROVED: *Whitney Harrison*

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

OTHER: *Keycia Collard*

REFER TO COMPLAINT COMMITTEE:

CONTINUING EDUCATION – APPROVED: *OVEC - Spring into Sensory (03/26/26), WKEC – SLP Network (3/13/2026), Kentucky Autism Training Center – ADOS-2 Admin Training (9/16/26 & 9/18/26)*

CONTINUING EDUCATION – PARTIALLY APPROVED: *Clinical Updates in Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia (6/18/2026 – 4 hours), Norton Healthcare – 10th Integrative Health & Wellness Symposium (5/7/2026 – 6 hours)*

CONTINUING EDUCATION – DEFERRED:

CONTINUING EDUCATION – DENIED:

The Board Chair requested that the Board Specialist institute a licensure tracking sheet for the Board to utilize as needed for requested reinstatement, renewal, and status updates/reminders.

Tamara Cranfill motioned to accept the Application Committee’s recommendations. Ciera Sherwood seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

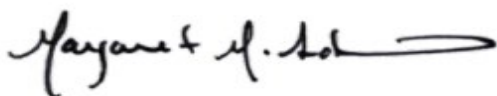
Approval of Travel and Per Diem

Tamara Cranfill motioned to approve travel, food, and per-diem for today’s meeting, as well as any additional dates to handle board duties. Beth McNulty seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tamara Cranfill to adjourn the Board meeting at 1:45 p.m. Alice Inman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Kentucky Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board has a special meeting scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. The next regular meeting of the Kentucky Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. These meetings will be hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing.



Margaret Adkins, Au. D, CCC-A, Board Chair