

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

February 10, 2026

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing on February 10, 2026, via Teams and in PPC Conference Room 239CW at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
LICENSING STAFF**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kimberly Toppel, AUD
Deborah Harman, Citizen-At-Large

OTHERS

Sara Janes, Board Counsel
Susan Adams

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 December 9, 2025, and December 22, 2025, were presented for the Board's review. Tamara Cranfill motioned to approve the minutes. Angela Mikel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The financial reports for December 2025 and January 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.

DPL Report

Kristen Lawson presented the DPL Report. Kristen announced Gabriel Dents promotion to Administrative Supervisor and Chelsey Moyes transfer into the role of SLPA Board Specialist.

Board Attorney's Report

No report

Old Business

The Board discussed Board member committee appointments and meeting dates.

- Complaints Committee: The Board Chair stepped down from the Complaints Committee. Ciera Sherwood was appointed to the Complaints Committee.
- The Board discussed changes to the Applications Committee.
- Angela Mikel makes a motion for the Complaints Committee to start at 11:00 a.m. and the Application meeting starts at 12:00 p.m. Tamara Cranfill seconded the motion and the motion carried. Alice Inman & Kimberly Toppel to start appearing at the Applications Committee.
- Regulation Committee to begin meeting on March 10, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.
- Tamara Cranfill to meet with Board Counsel on fee regulations. Gabe Dent to send out the January 20, 2026, meeting minutes so Board Counsel can schedule meetings with Regulation Committee members individually.

Board Counsel reported that 201 KAR 17:120E & 201 KAR 17:120 passed at the most recent ARRS meeting.

ASLP-IC Status

- FBI Background Check Legislation Initial Sponsor dropped out, but a new Sponsor has since picked it up. The final copy for legislation is pending a final language for updates for all 5 Boards.
- Commissioner Lawson discussed a DPL/PPC/IT Compact Commission workgroup that is going to be started in March 2026.
- Tamara Cranfill to attend the ASLP-IC Rules Committee meeting on 2/12/2026.
- A Board Special Meeting will be held virtually on May 12, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m. to discuss ASLP-IC Topics.

A reminder was made regarding the renewal audit deadline coming up on March 2, 2026.

New Business

- The Board reviewed its PSC Investigative Services Contract and MOA Office of Legal Services Contract for FY2027-2028 Margaret Adkins made a motion to approve the OLS & PSC Contracts. Ciera Sherwood seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Board Member Training dates for 2026 were announced. Those trainings will be held on 5/5/2026 & 5/13/2026. Gabe Dent to reach out to Kimberly Toppel with information on that training and send an email with the invitation link to the Board.
- The Board reviewed a request for a Board member representative to appear at a University of Cincinnati SLP-MA class on March 3, 2026, to discuss KY licensure laws. Ciera Sherwood volunteered to appear on the Boards behalf. A motion was made by Tamara Cranfill for Ciera Sherwood to attend. Alice Inman seconded that motion and the motion carried.
- The Board discussed a supervision audit process for SLP-A's and interim SLP-A's. The Board tabled additional discussion until the April 14, 2026, meeting. An inquiry will be made within DPL to see whether any other Boards have existing supervision audit requirements/processes in E-Services.

Pending Complaints

The complaints committee reviewed the following complaints on February 10, 2026, and provided the following recommendations.

- 2024-AUD-00002: Dismissal of complaint with a strongly worded warning regarding the employment circumstances prior to license issuance.
- 2025-SLP-00004: Board Counsel to reach out to the Bell County School District attorney to gather additional contact information for the respondent for the investigator.

Ciera Sherwood 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 January 13, 2026 & February 10, 2026, and provided the resulting recommendations. Ciera Sherwood motioned to accept the committee's recommendations. Tamara Cranfill seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AUDIOLOGY- APPROVED: *Carol Thiele*

AUDIOLOGY-APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:

AUDIOLOGY- DEFERRED:

AUDIOLOGY-DENIED:

AUDIOLOGY-REINSTATEMENTS-APPROVED: *Stefanie Godbey*

AUDIOLOGY INTERIM – APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- CHANGE IN SUPERVISION Approved: *Sarah Biddle, Emily Grove, Brooke Hall, Chad Bauman, Aubrey Jones Barnett, Jessica Mendoza, Heather Ison, Anna Salyer, Kayla Richardson, Bailee Holbrook*

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

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-EXTENSION REQUEST-APPROVED: *Brooke Hall*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- EXTENSION REQUEST- DENIED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-EXTENSION REQUEST-DEFERRED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- APPROVED: *Morgan Haynes,*

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- DEFERRED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-DENIED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT - APPROVED: *Lydia Emberton, Sydney Newberry, Caitlyn Denton,*

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: *Tracey Bailey*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT- APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT- APPROVED WITH PROVISION:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT – REINSTATEMENT – APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT CHANGE IN SUPERVISION- APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- APPROVED: *Taylor Smith, Caitlin Johnson, Jennifer Kay Kay, Lindsey Tihey, Sarah Sturgeon, Shelby Pleasant, Anna Little, Lauren Klein*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- DEFERRED:
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY-DENIED
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- APPROVED: *Deangela Skaggs, Megan Venezia, Shatha Shalash, Rhonda Leake*
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS – APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:
Polly Guffey
SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- DEFFERED:
SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- DENIED:
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY-RENEWAL-APPROVED: *Ann E Bell*
REIMBURSEMENT: *Holly Hawk*
REACTIVATION OF LICENSURE:
RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE:
MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:
REFER TO COMPLAINT COMMITTEE:
RATIFICATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION:
CONTINUING EDUCATION – APPROVED: *American Health Manager & Horizon Pace - Preserving Quality of Life & Independence in the Aging Population SLP Edition, GRREC – SLP Network, WKEC – Ethics, WKEC – SLP Strategy Swap, WKEC – SLP Network, WKEC – Comprehensive Literacy for All – Session 2 of 3 (1/16/2026), Associates in Pediatric Therapy – Supporting Linguistic & Cultural Diversity in Interdisciplinary Therapy*
CONTINUING EDUCATION – DEFERRED:
CONTINUING EDUCATION – DENIED: *Norton Children’s Hospital - NCH Journal Group CEU Application, Warren County Board of Education - Data-Driven Excellence: Collaborative Strategies for Maintaining SLP Compliance Standards*

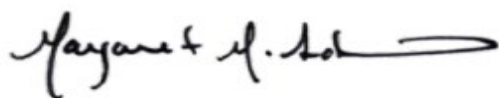
Approval of Travel and Per Diem

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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Angela Mikel to adjourn the Board meeting at 2:09 p.m. Ciera Sherwood seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Kentucky Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. The meeting will be hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing.



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