

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
December 22, 2025**

A special meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing on December 22, 2025, via Teams and in PPC Conference Room 239CW at 11:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Margaret Adkins, AUD  
Deborah Harman, Citizen-at-Large  
Angela Mikel, AUD  
Alice Inman, SLP  
Tamara Cranfill, SLP

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Beth McNulty  
Kimberly Toppel  
Ciera Sherwood

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL  
LICENSING STAFF**

Gabriel Dent, Administrative Supervisor  
Lyndsay Sipple, Executive Advisor  
Kristen Lawson, Commissioner

**OTHERS**

Sara Janes, Board Counsel

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**Call to Order**

Margaret Adkins called the special meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Tamara Cranfill to approve the amended November 4, 2025, SLPA meeting minutes. Deborah Harman seconded that motion and the motion carried.

The Board discussed the FBI Background Check for participation in the ASLP-IC participation. The Board discussed that the LPC, OT and Social Work Boards are also creating language for participation in this requirement. The Board language for potential FBI Background Check legislation.

The potential language that was discussed was the following new section for KRS Chapter 334A.

***The board shall require a national criminal history background check, by means of submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based information by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in the following cases:***

1. ***For all applicants for initial licensure or reinstatement after the effective date of this Act; and***
2. ***For a Kentucky licensee who wishes to apply for a Compact privilege to practice in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in another state. The criminal background check shall be reviewed and approved by the Board before the licensee is deemed eligible to apply for the Compact privilege to practice in another state.***

***(b) The board may require a criminal background check for a licensee who is the subject of an active investigation.***

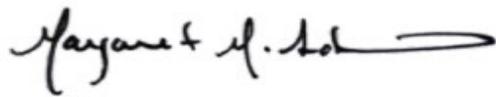
**(c) A criminal background check shall not be required by the board solely for purposes of renewing a state-issued license, unless otherwise required by law.**

A motion was made by Deborah Harman to approve the language created in today's meeting and for that language to be submitted to Michelle Sandborns group for legislative consideration. Angela Mikel seconded that motion and the motion carried.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Tamara Cranfill to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:56 a.m. Deborah Harman 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, February 10, 2026. The meeting will be hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing.



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