

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2025**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing on November 4, 2025, via Teams and in PPC Conference Room 127CW at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Mikel, AUD
Margaret Adkins, AUD
Tamara Cranfill, SLP
Ciera Sherwood, SLP
Deborah Harman, Citizen-At-Large

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
LICENSING STAFF**

Gabriel Dent, Administrative Support Specialist
Lyndsay Sipple, Executive Advisor
Jenna Wells, Administrative Support Specialist
Kristen Lawson, Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Beth McNulty, Otolaryngologist
Alice Inman, SLP

OTHERS

Sara Janes, Board Counsel

Call to Order

Gabriel Dent called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda – Minutes and Monthly Financial Report

The September 9, 2025, Board meeting minutes were presented for the Board's review. Tamara Cranfill motioned to approve the minutes. Margaret Adkins seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The financial reports for September 2025 and October 2025 were presented for the Board to 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

Kristen Lawson presented the DPL report. She reported that the department was interviewing for two supervisor positions.

Board Attorney's Report

Sara Janes did not have an attorney report.

Old Business

The Board discussed hosting a Special Meeting on December 9, 2025. The Board approved changing the Applications Committee meeting to December 9, 2025, from 11:00-11:30, the Complaints Committee meeting from 11:30-12:00, and the Regulations Committee Meeting from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Board approved hosting a Special Meeting from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on December 9, 2025.

The Board discussed hosting a Regulations Committee meeting in January 2026. The Board approved a Regulations Committee be held on January 20, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Board discussed Regulation Committee meeting members. Margaret Adkins motioned to appoint Tamara Cranfill to the Regulations Committee. Angela Mikel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed potential 2026 Board and Committee meeting dates. Tamara Cranfill motioned to approve the 2026 Board and Committee meeting dates. Ciera Sherwood seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Board Counsel discussed the ARRS meeting on November 10, 2025, for 201 KAR 17:120E. Ciera Sherwood will attend the ARRS Subcommittee meeting on November 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed the ASLP-IC data sharing agreement draft. Tamara Cranfill to report to Counsel on the ASLP-IC rules meeting scheduled for the second week of November.

The Board discussed the new rules on fees for ASLP-IC. The Board discussed its state fee for ASLP-IC CompactConnect and no decision was made. The Board discussed the launch of the CompactConnect. Discussion was held on the fees for the live states of Louisiana and West Virginia. The Board Administrative Specialist will sign up for CompactConnect to see if he can determine what fees those states are charging.

The Board discussed data reporting requirements for the KY IT Department and CompactConnect. There was no decision made. Additional discussion was had about a special meeting on just ASLP-IC related topics. There was no date set for that special meeting. A decision on a special meeting was tabled until the February 2026 meeting.

New Business

Angela Mikel motioned for Margaret Adkins to be elected Board Chair. Tamara Cranfill seconded the motion carried. Margaret Adkins has been elected Board Chair.

The Board discussed new Board member appointments and reappointments to the Board.

The Board discussed applications and complaint committee members assignments. There were no decisions made. The Board tabled additional discussion until the Board meeting on February 10, 2026, meeting.

Tamara Cranfill presented to the Board a summary of the NCSB 2025 conference. It was proposed the Board Specialist should update an FAQ with where licensees should submit praxis report information. The Board discussed a supervision audit for SLPA and interim licensees. The Board tabled a regulation amendment for the auditing of supervision logs for the February 2026 meeting. A regulation amendment for the auditing of supervision logs will be added to new business at that meeting.

The Board reviewed and discussed an email from ASHA with CMS/CF guidance.

The Board discussed an email on a legislative inquiry on the FBI Background check. Margaret Adkins to respond to the email inquiry.

The Board discussed an additional legislative inquiry on the FBI Background check. Board Counsel recommended they contact Nancy Gruen.

The Board reviewed the updated renewal FAQ. A motion to post the updated FAQ on the Board website was made by Angela Mikel. Margaret Adkins seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed an updated SLPA Laws & Regulations booklet. Tamara Cranfill made a motion to post the SLPA Laws & Regulations booklet to the Board website. Ciera Sherwood seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Board discussed E-Filing of licensure applications. Commissioner Kristen Lawson discussed that the project is in the works for electronic filing of all DPL applications and that the SLPA Board would be moved into a higher priority. The Board is going to prioritize the updating of forms to be incorporated by reference in regulations.

Pending Complaints

The complaints committee reviewed the following complaints on October 14, 2025, and provided the following recommendations.

- 2024-AUD-00002: Tabled to December meeting for Investigation report.
- 2025-SLP-00004: Refer for Investigation.
- 2025-SLP-00006: Private admonishment and a warning to keep contact information up to date.
- 2025-SLP-00007: Private admonishment and a warning to keep contact information up to date.
- E.B. Modification Request: Recommend approval of modification by entry into an Amended Agreed Order.

The Complaints Committee motioned to accept the committee's recommendations. Ciera Sherwood seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Applications Review

The Applications Committee reviewed the following applications on October 14, 2025, and November 4, 2025, and provided the resulting recommendations. Deborah Harman motioned to accept the committee's recommendations. Ciera Sherwood seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AUDIOLOGY- APPROVED: *Katie Kim, Rebecca Niksich, Rachel Liles, Binna Kim, Kimberly White, Rebekah Willoughby, Rachel Wade, Maria Sentelik*

AUDIOLOGY-APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:

AUDIOLOGY- DEFERRED:

AUDIOLOGY-DENIED:

AUDIOLOGY-REINSTATEMENTS-APPROVED:

AUDIOLOGY INTERIM – APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- CHANGE IN SUPERVISION Approved: *Alayna Willis, Rebecca Young, Charity Shelton, Maci Clark, Emily McDuffee, Emma White, Andrea Morgan, Abigail Williams, Autumn Turner, Emily Grove, Chaney Blewett*

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

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-EXTENSION REQUEST-APPROVED: *Shelby Pleasant, Rachel Benzinger, Alayna Willis, Megan Jameson, Nikita Denton, Morgan Johnson*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- EXTENSION REQUEST- DENIED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-EXTENSION REQUEST-DEFERRED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- APPROVED: *Ishani Bickley, Aspyn Creech, Gracie Nash, Kristine Kamping, Elizabeth Liming, Megan Thornburg, Alison Eckman*

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- APPROVED WITH PROVSIONS:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- DEFERRED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-DENIED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT - APPROVED:

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: *Sarah Shrum, Alyssa Kennedy*

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: *Melissa Smitherman, Allison Strong, Madison Ooten, Paige Dixon, Kaithlyn Page, Jared Holt, Kimberly Maxwell, Leah Putty, Rachel Meyer, Sarah Komara, Ashley Woods Couch, Natalie Hopkins, Monique McCusker, Chloe Kramer, Rayna Stillwell, Dorothy Haunce, Blair Debrucque, Rachel Lindstedt, Morgan Johnson, Helen Corey, Karen Hall, Suzann Colthurst, Vivian Sisskin, Julie Schuffert*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- DEFERRED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY-DENIED

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- APPROVED: *Myra Jean Huffman, Sarah Christensen, Valerie Parsons, Lacrissa Keefer, Jodi Kirk, Contessa Vick, Jackie Bush*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS – APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- DEFFERED:

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- DENIED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY-RENEWAL-APPROVED:

REIMBURSEMENT: *Allison Strong*

REACTIVATION OF LICENSURE:

RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

OTHER: *Ian Windmill, Patti Osborne*

REFER TO COMPLAINT COMMITTEE:

RATIFICATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION:

CONTINUING EDUCATION – APPROVED: *Southeast South Central Educational Cooperative - Update in Speech, Warren County Public Schools - Strengthening SLP Practice, Warren County Public Schools - 2025 WCPS SLP Summer Workshop, Daviess County Public Schools - DCPS SLP PLC, OVEC - OVEC SLP Cadre, Associates in Pediatric Therapy - AAC Considerations for Visual Impairment, Associates in Pediatric Therapy - AAC for CVI, Department for Public Health KEIS Program - Using the Assessment, Evaluation and Programming System for Infants and Children, 3rd Edition, KATC-ADOS-2 Administration Training*

CONTINUING EDUCATION – DEFERRED:

CONTINUING EDUCATION – DENIED:

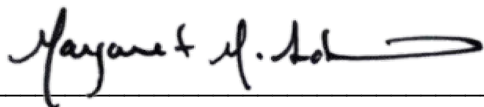
Approval of Travel and Per Diem

A motion was made by Tamara Cranfill 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 2:58 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, December 9, 2025. The meeting will be hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing.



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