

KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2024

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing on October 8, 2024, via Teams and in Mayo-Underwood Hearing Room 133CE at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tamara Cranfill, SLP
Margaret Adkins, AUD
Angela Mikel, AUD
Jennifer Lutes, SLP
Ciera Sherwood, SLP

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF

Kristen Lawson, Commissioner
Gabriel Dent, Boards & Commissions Support Specialist
Jamar Carter, Executive Staff Advisor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Beth McNulty, M.D. (Otolaryngologist)
Deborah Harman, Citizen-at-Large

OTHERS

Sara Janes, Board Counsel

Call to Order

Jennifer Lutes called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Consent Agenda - Minutes and Monthly Financial Report

The September 10, 2024, Board meeting minutes were presented for the Board's review. Tamara Cranfill motioned to approve the minutes. Ciera Sherwood seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The financial report for September 2024 was presented to the Board for review. There were no additional questions.

Licensure Status Report

The Boards & Commissions Support Specialist presented the licensure status report to the Board for review.

DPL Report

No report.

Board Attorney's Report

Board Counsel, Sara Janes, presented an update on the status of amended regulation 201 KAR 17:090. Board Counsel to file the amended regulation with the Legislative Research Commission on or before either November 15, 2024, or December 15, 2024.

Board Counsel, Sara Janes, presented an update on the status of filing emergency regulations for three ASLP-IC governance rules. Board Counsel to file the amended regulation with the Legislative Research Commission on or before either November 15, 2024, or December 15, 2024.

Old Business

Board & Commissions Support Specialist presented the licensure tracking sheet updates to the Board.

The Board discussed the status of the RFP for a Board Investigative Services contract. Board Counsel reported that the RFP was submitted to fiscal for filing after the August 13, 2024, meeting. Board Counsel to follow up with fiscal on the status of that RFP prior to the November 12, 2024, meeting.

New Business

Tamara Cranfill reported to the Board updates from attending the NCSB 2024 Annual Conference and the ASLP-IC Annual meeting, as follows:

- Information on “Safe Haven” programs instituted by Boards for covered services for licensees for suicide prevention, substance use issues and mental health services.
 - Chair Lutes requested that the Board Specialist put Board ‘Safe Haven’ programs on the November 12, 2024, agenda for additional discussion. Tamara Cranfill will follow up with KY Physicians Health Foundation prior to that meeting date for additional information.
- Models for state Board websites and data systems, that place a stronger emphasis on accessibility and data consumer protection.
- The impact of artificial intelligence on consumer protection.
- Audiology Assistant licenses are being issued and implemented by some member states.
- The ASHA exam is in the process of being updated.
- The ASLP-IC Annual meeting report included the following information: a tentative date has been set for the compact to go into effect, the number of member states is at 34, some member states audit SLP-A licensees, and member state concerns regarding the superseding mandate of the ASLP-IC rules over state Board regulations and statutes.
- Tamara Cranfill reported to the Board that she intends to volunteer for the ASLP-IC rules committee.

The Boards & Commissions Support Specialist presented for Board review potential 2025 Board and Committee meeting dates. There was no decision reached after initial Board discussion. The Board tabled additional review and discussion until the November 12, 2024, Board meeting.

A motion was made by Jennifer Lutes to renew the Boards NCSB membership for 2025. Tamara Cranfill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed an email question regarding whether contracted employees in public schools qualify for the KRS 334A.035 licensure/teacher certificate exemption requirements. The Board advised that contracted employees must contact the local school board for information on how the position is categorized to determine whether they qualify for the exemption. The Board is unable to provide scope of practice interpretations or additional advisory opinions. Follow up correspondence will be sent by the Boards & Commissions Support Specialist.

The Board reviewed an email question regarding telehealth availability and restrictions when on military leave outside of the United States. The Board's response is that they are unable to provide scope of practice interpretations, advisory opinions, or legal advice. The Board notes the inquirer may gather additional information from KRS 211.336. The Board recommends an attorney be contacted if needed. Follow up correspondence will be sent by the Board's & Commissions Support Specialist along with a copy of KRS 211.336.

Pending Complaints

The complaints committee reviewed the following complaints & provided the following recommendations.

- 2024-SLP-00004: Board initiated complaint against licensee A.J. for practicing with an expired license. Board Specialist to draft letter to be sent via certified mail to the respondent with a response due back in 20 days.
- 2024-SLP-00005: Board initiated complaint against licensee K.N. for allowing a supervised licensee to practice with an expired license. Board Specialist to draft letter to be sent via certified mail to the respondent with a response due back in 20 days.

Tamara Cranfill made a motion to approve the complaint committee recommendation for 2024-SLP-00004 & 2024-SLP-00005. Jennifer Lutes seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Applications Review

The Applications Committee reviewed the following applications prior to today's meeting and provided the resulting recommendations. Jennifer Lutes motioned to accept the committee's recommendations. Tamara Cranfill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

AUDIOLOGY- APPROVED: *Amy Winkler, Alexandra Hanna*

AUDIOLOGY-APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:

AUDIOLOGY- DEFERRED: *Matthew Barbara*

AUDIOLOGY-DENIED:

AUDIOLOGY-REINSTATEMENTS-APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- CHANGE IN SUPERVISION Approved:

Morgan Johnson, Courtney Rager, Anna Sweets

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

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-EXTENSION REQUEST-APPROVED: *Savannah Daugherty*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- EXTENSION REQUEST- DENIED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-EXTENSION REQUEST-DEFERRED: *Cassie Shea*

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- APPROVED: *Blair Debrucque, Karen Hall, Chloe Kramer, Maya Homer,*

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS: *Emma Keeling*

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- DEFERRED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-DENIED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT - APPROVED: *Debra Benton, Rachel Parker, Carlee Nunn*

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: *Angela Jackson*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT CHANGE IN SUPERVISION APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT- APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT- APPROVED WITH PROVISION: *Angela Jackson*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT – REINSTATEMENT – APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT CHANGE IN SUPERVISION- APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- APPROVED: *Ariana Warner, Kristen Clark, Amanda Arnzen, Kathleen Heitz, Natalie Keller, Caitlin Trahan, Michaela Ware, Rebecca Duvall, Rhiannon Spradlin, Bryana Rogers*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- DEFERRED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY-DENIED

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS – APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- DEFERRED:

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- DENIED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY-RENEWAL-APPROVED:

REIMBURSEMENT:

REACTIVATION OF LICENSURE:

RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE: *Destiny Joray (Interim SLP), Madison Browning (Interim SLP)*

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION: *Bardstown City Schools-Educational Necessity Considerations for Speech Therapy Services*

RATIFICATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION:

CONTINUING EDUCATION – APPROVED: GRREC: *SLP Network, KEDC SERTAC: SLP Cadre Lunch & Learn, KEDC SERTAC: KEDC at Cadre Session 1, OVEC: Building Your Playbook, WKEC: SLP PLN TOPIC-CVI Strategies for the SLP, Associates in Pediatric Therapy: Assessment & Treatment Considerations for Bilingual Patients*

Approval of Travel and Per Diem

A motion was made by Jennifer Lutes 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 Jennifer Lutes to adjourn the board meeting at 1:49 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2024, hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing.