

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 9, 2024**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing on January 9, 2024, in Mayo-Underwood Hearing Room 133CE at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cierra Mills, SLP  
Beth McNulty, Otolaryngologist  
Jennifer Lutes, SLP  
Deborah Harman, Citizen-At-Large  
Tamara Cranfill, SLP  
Margaret Adkins, Audiologist  
Angela Mikel, Audiologist

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL  
LICENSING STAFF**

Kristen Lawson, Commissioner  
Jamar Carter, Executive Staff Advisor  
Gabriel Dent, Board and Commissions Supports  
Specialist  
Jenna Wells, Administrative Specialist III

**OTHERS**

Daniel Leffel, Board Counsel  
Dr. Phil Herrington  
Ashleigh Guffey  
Lexie Scott

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Lutes called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**Consent Agenda – Minutes and Monthly Financial Report**

Minutes from the November 14, 2023, meeting were presented for the Board's review. Chairman Lutes motioned to approve the minutes. Tamara Cranfill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The financial report for November 2023 and December 2023 was presented to the board for review. There were no additional questions.

**DPL Report**

Commissioner Lawson presented the DPL report to the board.

Commissioner Lawson advised that the General Assembly is currently in session and that HB 34 relating to universal recognition of occupational licenses and government certifications was filed. Additional discussion of HB 34 was tabled until the February 13, 2024, meeting.

Commissioner Lawson presented an email inquiry DPL received regarding ABA-C Certification not being recognized in Kentucky for Audiologists. The board tabled discussion until the February 13, 2024, meeting for additional information to be gathered.

## **Licensure Status Report**

The Boards & Commissions Support Specialist presented the licensure status reports to the board.

## **Pending Complaints**

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

- 2023-SLP-02: Dismissal with letter of advisement drafted by board attorney. Letter to be sent via certified mail.
- 2023-SLP-06: Tabled until the February 13, 2024, meeting. Board to follow up with licensee.
- 2023-SLP-07: Dismissal. Board agreement to let OIG continue to handle it. Letter to be drafted by board counsel and sent via certified mail.
- 2023-SLP-08: Tabled until the February 13, 2024, meeting.

A motion to approve was made by the Complaints Committee. Cierra Mills seconded the motion and the motion carried.

## **Board Attorney's Report**

No Report

## **Old Business**

- Board & Commissions Support Specialist advised there are no tracking sheet updates to report at this time.
- The board discussed ASLP-Interstate Compact (IC) delegate appointment. The Board tabled discussion and delegate appointment until the February 13, 2024, meeting. The Board requested additional delegate responsibility information be gathered for that discussion.
- Regulation Amendment Committee update: 201 KAR 17:090 (Continuing Education) tabled until the February 13, 2024, meeting. The board requested additional information on SB 6 for that discussion.
- The Boards & Commissions Support Specialist provided the Board Member Application Training Packet for Board review.
- The Boards & Commissions Support Specialist provided an audit review reminder to the Board since the January 31, 2024, licensure renewal deadline was looming.

## **New Business**

- The board reviewed one email question regarding non-surgical Class IV laser therapy services. The Board is not authorized to provide advisory opinions and determined this inquiry fell outside of Board scope. The Board recommended the inquirer refer to ASHA scope of practice. Board Chair requested additional discussion on this topic at the February 13, 2024, board meeting.

## **Applications Review.**

The Application's Committee reviewed the following applications prior to today's meeting and provided the resulting recommendations. Margaret Adkins motioned to accept the committee's recommendations. Cierra Mills seconded the motion and the motion carried.

AUDIOLOGY- APPROVED: *Jeffery Parkinson,*

AUDIOLOGY-APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:

AUDIOLOGY- DEFERRED:

AUDIOLOGY-DENIED:

AUDIOLOGY-REINSTATEMENTS-APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- CHANGE IN SUPERVISION Approved:

*Savannah Daugherty Sarah Schlacks,*

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

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-EXTENSION REQUEST-APPROVED: *Jirah*

*Llerena, Savannah Daugherty,*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- EXTENSION REQUEST- DENIED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-EXTENSION REQUEST DEFERRED-

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- APPROVED: *Alexis Scott, Christopher Riley*

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM- DEFERRED:

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM-DENIED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT- APPROVED: *Bailee Carothers,*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT-APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS -

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM ASSISTANT PPE REPORT/EVALUATION -

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT- APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT - REINSTATEMENT - APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT CHANGE IN SUPERVISION- APPROVED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- APPROVED: *Megan Mattingly, Natalie Stigers Varn, Katelyn*

*Guagenti, Jillian Renner,*

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:

*Pamela Sue Robinson,*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- DEFFERED: *Suzanna Davenport*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- REINSTATEMENTS- DENIED:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY-RENEWAL-APPROVED:

REIMBURSEMENT: *Natalie Stigers Varn*

REACTIVATION OF LICENSURE: *Lisa Hill*

RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE: *Banica Francis, Haley Maines, Mallory Puckett, Megan Mattingly, Skylynn Jones, Brylie Popplewell, Sydney Reisinger, Caroline McGeehan, Raul Mercado, Christy*

*McGrath, Amanda Swafford, Kaylee Walter-Friede, Danielle Dzubak, Gina Gates, Aliya Richards, Anna Howell, Jessica Collett, Olivia Suski, Alex Wright, Christina Usleaman*

RATIFICATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION: *UK Dept. of Communication Sciences/Disorders-*

*CSD 481, KEDC - AT Cadre, CKEC - Exploring Multilingual Learners in Special Education: Trends,*

*Challenges & Data-Driven Strategies, KEDC Sertac - UFLI, KEDC Sertac - Providing Meaningful*

*Interventions for Children with Medical Complexity, KEDC Sertac - Snack Talk, WKEC - Collaborative*

*Goals Writing & Neurodiversity Affirming Goals, WKEC - I Got This... Increase Confidence & Competence for All: Tech Tools for Diverse Learners, WKEC - AAC In the Classroom: Lets Give Them Something to Talk About, Associates in Pediatric Therapy - SMART GOALS*  
CONTINUING EDUCATION: *Associates in Pediatric Therapy - Phonological Interventions for Speech Sound Disorders, Berea Early Childhood Regional Training Center - Social Stories 10.4 Webinar Series, University of Louisville School of Medicine & Cabinet for Health & Family Services - Coaching in Early Intervention Training & Mentorship Program, Warren County Board of Education - SLP PLC OSEEL Compliance Record Review, GRREC - SLP Network*

### **Approval of Travel and Per Diem**

A motion was made by Tamara Cranfill to approve travel, food, and per-diem for today's meeting as well as any additional dates to handle board duties. Cierra Mills seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Jennifer Lutes made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 1:37 p.m. Cierra Mills seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Kentucky Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024. hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing.