

**MINUTES OF THE  
Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language  
Pathology and Audiology  
February 12, 2007**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology held a meeting on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting Board business.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kaye Williams Hill, Chairman  
Dr. Elizabeth Larrimore  
Winn W. Hill  
Yvonne McNeil  
Dr. Lori Smith

**STAFF PRESENT**

Anita Martin, Executive Director  
Janet Wray, Attorney General  
Eva Holmes, Board Secretary  
Susan Hewett, Application Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Jioranne Hughart, GAA  
Dr. Helena Solodar, GAA  
Dr. Al DeChicchis, GAA

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman K. Hill established that a quorum was present and the public hearing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. – No written or public comments received.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman K. Hill established that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF BOARD RULES FOR ADOPTION** – Winn Hill motioned, Lori Smith seconded and the Board voted to **adopt** the following rules.

**609-2-.02 Licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist.**

- (1) A person who seeks licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist shall submit the appropriate application to the Board on forms that are available on the website or the Board office.
- (2) An applicant who seeks licensure as both a Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist shall submit a separate application for each license sought.
- (3) The applicant shall submit the appropriate application fee. The application fee is non-refundable.
- (4) Repealed.
- (5) Licensure fees for approved applications are not pro-rated during the biennial licensure period.

(6) If the request for licensure is approved, the applicant will be notified in writing and assigned a license number.

(7) An application file will become void if it is not complete within twelve (12) months of the date of the application. PCE applications are valid for twenty-four (24) months. If, after the application becomes void, if licensure is still desired, the applicant must submit a new application, new documents and the appropriate fee.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, and 43-44-9.

### **609-2-.03 Licensure as an Audiologist.**

(1) A person who seeks licensure as an Audiologist shall submit the appropriate application to the Board on forms that are available on the website or the Board office.

(2) An applicant who seeks licensure as both a Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist shall submit a separate application for each license sought.

(3) Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. (See Fee Schedule). The fee will cover the cost of processing the application, the cost of the initial biennial license and the decorative wall certificate.

(4) Repealed.

(5) Licensure fees for approved applications are not pro-rated during the biennial licensure period.

(6) If the request for licensure is approved, the applicant will be notified in writing and assigned a license number.

(7) An application file will become void if it is not complete within twelve (12) months of the date of the application. PCE applications are valid for twenty-four (24) months. If, after the application becomes void, if licensure is still desired, the applicant must submit a new application, new documents and the appropriate fee.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, and 43-44-9.

### **609-2-.05 Provisional License as a Paid Clinical Experience/Required Professional Experience Fellow.**

The term "Paid Clinical Experience Fellow", "PCE Fellow "Required Professional Experience Fellow", "RPE Fellow", or "Fellow" shall mean a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in their period of Paid Clinical Experience (PCE) Professional Experience Requirement (PER) who holds a provisional license for the purpose of meeting the experience requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist. See Chapter 609-3. A speech-language pathologist or audiologist holding a provisional license shall be subject to the same disciplinary actions as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist holding a full license.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-8 and 43-44-11

### **609-8-.03(2) Reinstatement of a Surrendered or Revoked License**

A person applying for reinstatement must submit the following:

(a) If **12 months** or less from the date the license was surrendered or revoked, submit a completed reinstatement application to the Board, provide documentation of having completed thirty (30) contact hours or 3.0 CEUs directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of application, and pay to the Board the reinstatement fee as set by the Board.

(b) If **greater than 12 months** but no more than 24 Months from the date the license was surrendered or revoked, submit a completed reinstatement application to the Board, provide documentation of having completed forty (40) contact hours or 4.0 CEUs directly

related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of application, and pay to the Board the reinstatement fee as set by the Board.

(c) If **greater than 24 months** but no more than 36 Months from the date the license was surrendered or revoked, submit a completed reinstatement application to the Board, provide documentation of having completed fifty (50) contact hours or 5.0 CEUs directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of application, and pay to the Board the reinstatement fee as set by the Board.

Authority OCGA §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-44-6, and 43-44-11.

#### **609-9-.01 Inactive Status.**

A person must have a current Georgia license to apply for inactive status.

(a) A licensee who holds a current license and who will not practice speech-language pathology or audiology may apply for inactive status by completing an application for inactive status and submitting the appropriate fee (see Fee Schedule) to the Board. Any licensee whose license has been placed on inactive status may not engage in that practice in a setting which would require licensure.

(b) An inactive license may be reactivated upon written application to reinstate, submission of the appropriate fee and compliance with the conditions of Board Rule 609-8-.03(3).

(c) The Board at its sole discretion reserves the right to investigate any and all requests for reactivation and to refuse to reactivate or reinstate, or to set conditions on the reactivation beyond these outlined above as the Board deems appropriate.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-44-6, and 43-44-11.

#### **609-10-.03 Change in Name.**

The licensee shall submit a certified copy of a marriage certificate, court order, or other certified documentation of legal name change, and the appropriate application and fee established by the Board in order to make a change of name.

Authority OCGA §§ 43-1-7 and 43-44-6.

#### **609-10-.04 Change in Address.**

The licensee shall notify the Board Office, in writing, within 30 days of making an address change from that previously filed with the Board.

Authority OCGA §§ 43-1-19, and 43-44-6.

#### **609-13-.01 Telecommunications**

Any person in this state or physically located in another state or foreign country who, using telecommunications and information technologies through which speech-language pathology information and auditory-vestibular system information or data is transmitted, performs an act that is part of a patient care service located in this state, including but not limited to any measures of speech-language pathology or auditory-vestibular system function or hearing instrument selection, fitting, or dispensing that would effect the diagnosis or treatment of the patient is engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology or audio logy in this state.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-44-6 and 43-44-7.

### **609-13-.02 License requirement**

Any person who performs such acts through such means as described in Rule 609-13-.01 shall be required to have a license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology in this state and shall be subject to regulation by the Board.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-44-6 and 43-44-7.

### **609-13-.03 - Restrictions**

(1) No out-of-state or foreign practitioner shall have ultimate authority over the speech-language or auditory-vestibular system health care of a patient who is located in this state. Any such practitioner in this state, another state, or a foreign country shall abide by the rules of the Board.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-44-6 and 43-44-7.

### **609-13-.04 Exemptions**

(1) This shall not apply to:

(a) the acts of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist located in another state or foreign country who provides consultation services at the request of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist licensed in this state;

(b) the acts of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist licensed in another state or foreign country who:

1. provides consultation services without compensation, remuneration, or other expectation thereof and without altering, adjusting, or manipulating hearing aid device controls; or
2. provides consultation service to a graduate school located in this state and approved by the Board; or
3. The acts of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist located in another state or foreign country when invited as a guest of any graduate school or institution of higher learning approved by the Board, state, or national accrediting body or component thereof, for the sole purpose of engaging in professional education through lectures, clinics, or demonstrations.

(2) This shall not be construed to alter the scope of practice of any health care provider or authorize the delivery of health care services in a setting or in a manner not otherwise authorized by the laws of this state.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-44-6 and 43-44-7.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO POST BOARD RULE** – Lori Smith motioned, Yvonne McNeil seconded and the Board **voted to post** the following Board Rule.

**609-3-.03 Recency of Study- Requirements for Licensure by Examination for Audiology on January 1, 2007 or after.**

In order for an applicant to demonstrate recency of study the applicant must have completed a minimum of two continuing education units within the two (2) years preceding the date the application is received by the Board. In order to be considered for licensure as an audiologist on or after January 1, 2007, the applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

**(a) Educational Requirements**

1. The applicant shall have earned a doctoral degree in audiology or completed the academic requirements of a doctoral degree program with a major emphasis in audiology that addresses the knowledge and skills pertinent to the profession of audiology, from an institution of higher learning that is, or at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated was, accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or its successor organization.

2. The applicant with an earned doctoral degree shall submit certified evidence of the completion of a minimum of three years of didactic coursework of post-baccalaureate study consisting of a minimum of 75 semester credit hours or equivalent quarter hours in the normal aspects of human hearing and balance, related development, clinical evaluation, audiologic diagnosis, and treatment of disorders of human hearing, balance and related development. The applicant will be required to demonstrate that the educational program granting the post-baccalaureate degree assessed the acquisition of knowledge and skills.

3. The applicant with an earned doctoral degree shall:

(i). submit certified evidence of completion of 375 clock hours of post-baccalaureate directly supervised clinical practicum with cases representative of a wide spectrum of ages and communicative disorders prior to the fourth year of supervised training.

(ii). submit certified evidence of completion of a minimum of 1820 clock hours of clinical extern experience in the fourth year of academic training, equivalent to a minimum of 12 months of full-time, supervised clinical practicum. The clinical extern experience must be approved by an academic program. Students must obtain a variety of clinical practicum experiences in different work settings and with different populations so that the applicant can demonstrate skills across the scope of practice of audiology.

Acceptable clinical practicum experience includes clinical and administrative activities directly related to patient care. The aggregate total of clinical experiences shall equal 52 work calendar weeks. A calendar week of clinical practicum is defined as a minimum of 35 hours per calendar week in direct patient/client contact, consultation, record keeping, and administrative duties relevant to audiology service delivery.

(iii). The clinical extern experience must be obtained within an accredited program or one of its cooperating programs.

**(b) Educational Requirements**

1. The applicant shall have earned a master's degree with a major emphasis in audiology which was conferred before January 1, 2007, from an institution of higher learning which was, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or its successor organization.

2. The applicant with an earned master's degree shall submit :

(i) certified evidence of the completion of a minimum of 75 semester hours of academic credit from one or more accredited programs constituting a well-integrated program that includes classes that reflect a well integrated program of study dealing with the nature, prevention, evaluation, and treatment of hearing and related disorders. Some course work must address issues pertaining to normal and abnormal human development and behavior across the life span and to culturally diverse populations. At least thirty-six (36) hours of these academic credit must be earned at the graduate level from an accredited program.

(ii) certified evidence of completion of at least twenty-five (25) clock hours of supervised clinical observation and 375 clock hours of directly supervised clinical practicum with cases representative of a wide spectrum of ages and communicative disorders across the scope of practice of audiology. At least 325 of the 400 hours must be completed at the graduate level.

(iii) certified evidence of direct clinical experiences in both diagnosis and treatment with children and adults. The supervised practicum must include experience in a variety of settings with client populations across the life span from culturally/linguistic diverse backgrounds and with various types and severities of communication problems and related disorders, differences and disabilities.

(iv) obtain the clinical practice experience within an accredited program or in one of the cooperating programs.

**(c) Paid Clinical Experience/Required Professional Experience.**

The applicant shall complete a paid clinical experience/required professional experience, as specified in Board Rule 609-3-.04.

**(d) Examination.**

The applicant shall be required to pass an examination as specified in Board Rules. Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-10, and 43-44-11.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology.

**MINUTES**

Lori Smith motioned, Beth Larrimore seconded and the Board voted to approve the January 8, 2007 committee minutes and the January 17, 2007 conference call minutes.

**APPOINTMENT**

Dr. Albert DiChicchis of University of Georgia along with Dr. Helena Solodar, GAA and Dr. Jioranne Hughart. – Dr. DiChicchis met with the Board to request that coding/reimbursement/practice management CE programs be considered for credit in Georgia. The Board discussed the possible conflict of interest with Lori Smith as Ms Smith works with Dr. Solodar. Therefore, to not have an issue Ms. Smith recused herself. Ms. Wray advised the board that the only area which may be appropriate would

be insurance coding/billing issues. The ED will draft a revision to the Ethics Rule for consideration at the next board meeting allowing 2 of the 20 hours to be in records/documentation/Georgia Law/Medicaid regulations/Medicare regulations.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- From Heather Powers – Staff to search the minutes to see if the board has taken an official opinion on this issue before. The findings are to be brought back to the board for review.
- From Dr. Maya Clark with Armstrong Atlantic State University re: Licensure Lecture. – Board member Beth Larrimore will contact Dr. Clark and schedule presentation with the AASU students.
- From Alan Segal – Inform Mr. Segal that this matter must be referred to the Low-Voltage Contractor Board. It is not within the scope of practice of Speech Pathology.
- From Patrice Tanner – Inform Ms. Tanner that she must refer to the reinstatement rule.
- Correspondence from Jennifer Brown requesting provider approval for CE seminar. – Notify Ms. Brown that out of state programs are not considered by the Georgia Board.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Updated board on status of renewals.
- Provided information from Secretary of State Karen Handel's visit.
- Staff will begin drafting the Audiology Assistant application.
- Staff will bring list of approved statement for endorsement/reciprocity to next board meeting – Beth Larrimore and Kaye Hill will review the ASHA web-site and send information to Executive Director. Information will be compiled for review by the Board.

### **BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

- Reported that there are no cases at this time

### **GENERAL INFORMATION** – Kaye Williams Hill

- Discussed allowing the staff to administratively issue licenses when applicable. – Yvonne McNeil motioned, Lori Smith seconded and the voted to approve.
- Discussed developing a CE committee to review all Continuing Education. Yvonne McNeil motioned, Lori Smith seconded and the Board voted that Winn Hill will serve as committee.
- Discussed that PCE applications will need to be reviewed for verification of dates of PCE in conjunction with the school calendar for those PCE's who will work in the school system.
- Beth Larrimore reported that she spoke with Laura Lanier in the Governor's Appointments office and that they are making the appointments to the Speech Board a priority.
- Discussed that forms will need to be revised to reflect new board rules.
- Board members were asked to bring their continuing education to the next meeting for audit.
- Ms. Smith motioned and Ms. Hill seconded to add a new board policy to read:

- A PCE can be extended to allow for completion of PCE requirements. The PCE is not to be used as a temporary license; therefore, it cannot be extended if the hours have been completed and the applicant is only waiting to take the PRAXIS.

**LICENSES TO RATIFY** – Winn Hill motioned, Yvonne McNeil seconded and the Board voted to approve recommendation.

<b><i>License Number</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>License Type</i></b>
AUD003765	Wisdom-Johnson, Bibian Carol	Audiologist
AUD003766	Gilbert, Jane Marie	Audiologist
AUD003767	Yandell, Amy D R	Audiologist
AUD003768	Claytor, Leticia Carissa	Audiologist
AUD003769	Herrman, Kristine L.	Audiologist
PCET001181	Bailey, Debra Lynn	PCE Temporary License
PCET001183	Dendy, Evita C	PCE Temporary License
PCET001184	Lee, Lisa Chan	PCE Temporary License
PCET001185	Cox, Erin Ann	PCE Temporary License
PCET001186	Streppa, Caroline Lea	PCE Temporary License
PCET001188	Flood, Michael Durand, Jr.	PCE Temporary License
PCET001189	Weeks, Shellie Williams	PCE Temporary License
PCET001190	Jones, Allison Carson	PCE Temporary License
PCET001191	Katz, Amy Claire	PCE Temporary License
PCET001192	Frissell, Ellen Toni	PCE Temporary License
PCET001193	Smith, Mary Mandy	PCE Temporary License
PCET001194	Brannon, Rebecca D	PCE Temporary License
SLP006557	Arnold, Sandra E	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006558	Bowen, Keri Ann	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006559	Wilson, Mitzi S	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006560	Clear, Mary Ellen	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006561	Coleman, Mandy Zipperer	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006562	Howell, Maryann B	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006563	Karwoski, Lissa Faith	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006564	Sellers, Melissa L.	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006565	Lang, Robbin Michelle	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006566	Hill, Jennifer Carol	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006567	Quinones, Rocio	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006568	Skinner, Allison Elaine	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006569	Brant, Leah Ann	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006570	Gurley, Jessica Leann	Speech-Language Pathologist

SLP006571	Tucker, Vanessa B	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006572	Mercer, Cassie Itaska	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006573	Taylor-Fraser, Donna	Speech-Language Pathologist
<b>REINSTATEMENTS</b>		
AUC003662	Bernstein, Alicia Stacey	Audiologist

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion, Beth Larrimore, seconded, Winn Hill, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigations. Voting in favor of the motion were Lori Smith and Yvonne McNeil. The Board **concluded Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Lori Smith motioned, Beth Larrimore seconded and motion carried to accept the approve recommendations on applications.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Being Presented</b>	<b>Approved/Not Approved</b>
Brady, Beverly H.	Application by Endorsement - TN license will be ratified on 2/27/07	Approved
Brannon, Ashley M.	Application for PCE	Approved
Brooks, Donna Sue	Application for PCE	Approved
Brown, Dene Y.	Completion of PCE	Approved
Carney, Cathleen M.	Application by ASHA certification - CE must be reviewed by board	Pending
Cockerm, Natasha	Application for PCE	Approved – allowed an additional 2 weeks
Cranke, Rashida	Completion of PCE	Approved
Dennis, Linda K.	Endorsement	Approved
Evrard, Stacey L.	Application by ASHA certification - CE must be reviewed by board	Approved
Ferguson, Sharon d.	Application by Endorsement	Approved
Florin, Kristen P.	Application by ASHA certification - CE must be reviewed by board	Approved
Freeborn, Darla T.	Application for Aide	Approved
Garland, Megan D.	Application for PCE	Approved
Giles, Amy E.	Application for PCE	Approved
Gordon, Melissa	Application for Audiologist	Approved
Griffith, Donna	Completion of PCE	Approved
Grubbs, Catherine H.	Application for PCE	Approved
Guidry, Neal L.	Application for PCE	Approved
Hackle, Sarah	Application for PCE	Approved

Hamilton, Amy S.	Application for PCE	Approved
Krog, Kerry-Lea	Completion of PCE	Approved
Leverett, Susan	Completion of PCE	Approved
Levis, Sara	Application for PCE	Approved
McGinnis, Wendy W.	Reinstatement of License	Approved
Mintz, Elizabeth A.	Application by ASHA certification - CE must be reviewed by board	Approved
Mullen, Krista M.	Application by ASHA certification - CE must be reviewed by board	Pending
Nichols, Kristen	Application for Aide	Approved
Perrie, Sarah R.	Change in PCE	Approved
Pickens, Ashanta D.	Application for PCE	Approved
Podsklanova, Gabriela	Completion of PCE	Approved
Pohl, Alysson L.	Application for PCE	Approved
Potter, Cheryl A.	Application by ASHA certification - CE must be reviewed by board	Pending
Reeves, Stephanie L.	Application for PCE	Approved
Reyes, Marguerita	Application by ASHA certification - CE must be reviewed by board	Approved
Shea-Miller, Kelly J.	Reinstatement of License	Approved
Shokat, Kristin C.	Application by ASHA certification - CE must be reviewed by board	Approved
Song, Jane S.	Application for PCE	Approved
Stanfield, Tammy	Application for PCE	Approved
Stephens, Natalie	Completion of PCE	Approved
Swope, Lana C.	Application by Endorsement	Approved
Taylor, Julie Anne	Application for PCE	Approved
Trottier, Stacie	Endorsement	Approved
Walker, Jodi	Change in PCE	Denied
Weir, Belinda	Requesting extension of PCE	Denied
Wing, Monique C.	Application for PCE	Approved
Wingard, Todd A.	Application by ASHA certification - CE must be reviewed by board	Pending
Wood, Thomas D.	Change in PCE	Approve
P.L.M.B.	Renewal Applicant	Approve with Letter of Concern

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion W. Hill, seconded L. Smith and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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Kaye W. Hill, Chairman  
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Anita Martin, Executive Director  
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