

**MINUTES OF THE
Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology
April 9, 2007**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology held a meeting on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting Board business.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Elizabeth (Beth) Larrimore, Chairman
Andrea Boswell
Susan Daughtry
Denise Sheppard
Terri Williams

STAFF PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER – Vice-Chairman Beth Larrimore established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Susan Daughtry motioned to nominate Beth Larrimore as Chair and Denise Sheppard as Vice-Chair. Andrea Boswell seconded and the Board vote was unanimous.

MINUTES

Andrea Boswell motioned, Terri Williams seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the March 12, 2007 board minutes **as amended**.

AMENDED BOARD RULE

Susan Daughtry motioned, Andrea Boswell seconded and the Board voted to **amend and repost** Board Rule 609-3-.04(c): Paid Clinical Experience/Required Professional Experience.

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- (c) Qualifications and Responsibilities of the PCE/RPE Supervisor.
1. The PCE/RPE must be obtained under a supervisor who is either:
 - (i) a Georgia licensed Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist who is licensed in the area(s) for which the PCE/RPE Fellow seeks clinical professional experience and who is ultimately liable for the quality of services provided; and
 - (ii) The supervisor shall supervise no more than two (2) PCE/RPE Fellows at any one time under the provisions of this rule.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-11, 43-44-13, 43-44-16, and 43-1-19.

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.

DRAFT BOARD RULE

Consideration of Board Rule 609-7-.01: Continuing Professional Education

Requirements – Tabled until next meeting. Beth Larrimore and Andrea Boswell will work on incorporating the policy information into the rule.

Consideration of Board Rule 609-3-.03: Requirements for Licensure by

Examination for Audiology on January 1, 2007 or after. Andrea Boswell motioned, Susan Daughtry seconded and the Board voted to post.

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.

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DRAFT OF APPLICATIONS

Consideration of draft of application for registration for Audiology Assistant – Susan Daughtry motioned, Terri Williams seconded and the Board voted to **approve**.

Consideration of draft of application for registration for Speech Aide – Andrea Boswell motioned, Denise Sheppard seconded and the Board voted to **approve as amended**.

DRAFT OF REINSTATEMENT POLICY

Consideration of draft Reinstatement policy – Andrea Boswell motioned, Susan Daughtry seconded and the Board voted to **approve as amended**.

LIST OF APPROVE STATES FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

The Board voted to approve the amendment to the list for the states that have equivalent licensure laws as Georgia. The Executive Director will acquire the information for the states not included on the list.

CORRESPONDENCE

Phelia Rhodes requested information regarding acceptable means of qualifying for licensure in Georgia – *Board Response:* Send Ms. Rhodes the no legal letter and advise her to review laws and rules. Also inform Ms. Rhodes that she must meet the criteria stated in the rules and that an application for licensure must be submitted before the board can advise as to whether or not she qualifies.

Dr. Al DeChicchis requesting information regarding full licensure status for students completing their four year Audiology program – *Board Response:* Refer Dr. DeChicchis to O.C.G.A. § 43-44-8 which requires the RPE (Required Professional Experience).

Carla Sumner requesting information regarding the fifty (50) hours required for reinstatement of Speech-Language Pathology license – *Board Response:* Send Ms. Sumner the no legal letter and advise her to review laws and rules.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Provided a new board member orientation
- Provided renewal stats as of 04/06/07

- Audiologist
 - 350 have renewed
 - 3 on hold
 - 63 have not renewed

- SLP
 - 2573 have renewed
 - 14 on hold
 - 437 have not renewed

- SLPA
 - 25 have renewed
 - 0 on hold
 - 14 have not renewed

- Received updates to the board member roster information.
- Received GCIC Awareness Statements from each board members present.

BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- Provided information as follows:
 - 8/15/89 & 12/9/90 advice on Vision Screenings
 - 10/25/89 & 12/05/89 advice on Registration/Licensure required for volunteers with DOE & DHR in hearing testing programs.

LICENSES TO RATIFY – Andrea Boswell motioned, Susan Daughtry seconded and the Board voted to **approve** recommendation.

<i>License Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>License Type</i>
AUD003772	Vogelhuber, Barbara Patrice	Audiologist
PCET001213	Eubanks, Laura Lynn	PCE Temporary License
SLP006605	Bonilha, Heather Shaw	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006606	Lewis, Melinda Anne	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006607	Parris, Sandra Bridges	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006608	Carney, Cathleen M.	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006609	Cockerm, Natasha Nicole	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006610	Peaster, Lindsay Gregg	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006611	Rasmussen, Melanie Erica	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006612	Stewart, Suzanne Elaine	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006613	Mattingly, Erin O'Dea	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006614	Robinson, Stacey Michelle	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006615	LaBounty, Tiffany Michelle	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006616	Conger, Holly Elizabeth	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006617	Gibson, Truie Alana	Speech-Language Pathologist

SLP006618	Alexander, Tiffany Jovan	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006619	Pursell, Susan L	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006620	Montjoy, Reaves Horton	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006621	Bardwell, Edgaranna Jones	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006622	Kane, Ashley Marie	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006623	Tracy, Sheila Marie	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006624	Rutledge, Heather Ann	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006625	Goscicki, Jennifer Michele	Speech-Language Pathologist

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion, Susan Daughtry seconded, Denise Sheppard, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications. Voting in favor of the motion were Andrea Boswell and Terri Williams. The Board **concluded Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

APPLICATIONS

Denise Sheppard motioned, Andrea Boswell seconded and motion carried to accept the approve recommendation on application.

Name	Being Presented	Approved/Not Approved
S.W.S.	Renewal applicant	Approve

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion Terri Williams, seconded Susan Daughtry and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Elizabeth (Beth) Larrimore, Chairman
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