

**MINUTES OF THE
Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology
May 7, 2007**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology held a teleconference meeting on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting Board business.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Elizabeth (Beth) Larrimore, Chairman
Denise Sheppard
Robin Bohannon
Andrea Boswell
Susan Daughtry
Lori Smith
Terri Williams

STAFF PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Beth Larrimore established that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

MINUTES

Lori Smith motioned, Denise Sheppard seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the April 9, 2007 board meeting minutes.

LICENSES TO RATIFY – Andrea Boswell motioned, Lori Smith seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the list of ratified licenses.

<i>License Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>License Type</i>
SLP006626	Thompson, Mary Michelle	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006627	Burkett, Jody Charlene	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006628	Bush, Brynlan Causey	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006629	Potter, Cheryl A	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006630	Bender, Ashley Davis	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006631	Saur, Amy M.	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006632	Hobbs, Sarah Anne	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006633	Grant, Robyn N.	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006634	Daughtrey, Lisbeth Wyant	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006635	Jones, Jillian Danielle	Speech-Language Pathologist

SLP006636	Custer, Lindsey Kay	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006637	Contreras, Doreen D.	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006638	Horton, Talitha Mylia	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006639	Pope, Laura Campbell	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006640	Podsklanova', Gabriela	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006641	Cohen, Jennifer Lisa	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006642	Algood, Stephanie Jenea	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLPA000165	Wilson, Jamie E	Speech Pathologist Aide

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT BOARD RULE 609-7-.01: CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Susan Daughtry motioned, Andrea Boswell seconded and the Board voted to **post** rule.

609-7-.01 Continuing Professional Education Requirements.

(1) The purpose of continuing education is to maintain and enhance the professional competency of speech-language pathologists and audiologists licensed to practice in Georgia for the protection of the health and welfare of the people of the State of Georgia.

(2) A continuing education unit (CEU) is defined as ten (10) clock hours of continuing professional education. CEU hours may not be carried over from one licensure biennium to the next.

(3) In order to renew a license, the licensee must obtain a minimum of 2.0 CEUs (20 clock hours) during each biennium period of licensure.

(4) Individuals who hold licenses in both Speech-Language Pathology and in Audiology shall be required to complete a minimum of 2.0 CEUs in Speech-Language Pathology and 2.0 CEUs in Audiology.

(5) CEU requirements for newly approved license holders will be pro-rated during the first biennium licensure period as follows:

(a) Licensees whose applications are approved during the first six (6) months of the biennium will be required to accrue two (2) CEUs.

(b) Licensees approved during the second six (6) months of the biennium will be required to accrue one and one half (1 ½) CEUs.

(c) Licensees approved during the third six months of the biennium will be required to accrue one (1) CEU.

(d) Licensees approved during the final six (6) months are not required to accrue CEUs until the following licensure biennium.

(6) CEU hours must be in educational experiences directly related to the scope of practice of the licensee, and must be designed to increase the competence of the licensee in the area of licensure. Examples of activities that may provide CEU hours include:

(a) Scientific and educational lectures, workshops, or seminars;

(b) College courses taken for credit or through official audit:

1. College course credit shall be deemed to be equivalent to CEUs as follows: One Semester Hour = 1.5 CEUs; One Trimester Hour = 1.3 CEUs; One Quarter Hour = 1.0 CEU.

(c) Presentations by licensees: 0.5 CEUs (5 clock hours) will be awarded for the presentation of any lecture, workshop or seminar. A licensee may only receive credit for one presentation per biennium.

(d) Audio and video conferences, online courses, and teleconferences; and self-study courses accompanied by an examination by the CEU provider.

(e) Praxis Examination in the area of licensure.

1. Two (2.0) CEUs will be awarded for successful completion of the Praxis with a score of 650. Successful completion of this examination during the biennium will satisfy all CEU requirements for the license during that biennium.

2. The Board approved national examination results that are used in order to receive a license may not be used again for the renewal of that license.

3. A person who is licensed in both Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology must pass tests in both Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to meet all continuing education requirements. If the licensee passes the examination in only one area, s/he must obtain 2.0 additional CEUs in the area for which the examination was not passed.

(f) Not more than two (.2) CEU's of the required twenty (2.0) per biennium will be awarded for courses in the area(s) of ethics, record-keeping, documentation, Georgia laws and rules, Medicaid regulations and/or Medicare regulations.

(7) Documentation of CEUs:

(a) Each licensee shall maintain for three (3) years their own record of the CEU activities that they completed. The Board will not maintain CEU files for licensees.

(b) Licensees shall retain documentation of their continuing education activities and shall not send them to the Board Office unless the Board requests the licensee to do so.

(c) Licensees shall attest on their biennial licensure renewal application, that they have satisfied the CEU requirements as set out above.

(d) False attestation of satisfaction of CEU requirements on a renewal application shall subject the licensee to disciplinary actions, including revocation.

(8) Method of Auditing CEUs:

(a) The Board will audit a random fixed percentage of applications. Licensees who are audited will be required to document the CEU activities. Required documentation is a certificate or proof of attendance which includes the sponsoring agency, the licensee's name, the date of the activity, the length of the session, and either the signature of a representative from the sponsoring agency or official certification by the sponsoring agency. A description of the CEU activity may be required if the title of the activity does not clearly state the content of the CEU activity. If the licensee attends a multi-session CEU activity, as in a state or national convention or meeting, additional required information includes a specific listing of each session, the length of each session, and a description of each session if the title does not clearly state the content of the session.

(b) Current members of the Board, who are licensees of the Board, shall be audited for each biennium that they serve on the Board.

(c) Delinquent renewals shall be subject to the CEU audit for that biennium.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§____

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..

CORRESPONDENCE

Request from Dr. Graham Wilde for approval of CE course – Lori Smith motioned, Susan Daughtry seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the request.

Motion, Lori Smith, seconded, Susan Daughtry, 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 Robin Bohannon, Andrea Boswell, Denise Sheppard and Terri Williams. The Board **concluded Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

APPLICATIONS

Lori Smith motioned, Andre Boswell and motion carried to accept the **approve** recommendations on applications.

Renewal Applicant	Recommendation
D.S.	Approved
S.L.R.M.	Approved with Letter of Concern requiring 16 additional hours of continuing education to be obtained before June 30, 2007 or the license will lapse for non-renewal. These hours cannot be used for next renewal period. Also, place applicant in audit pool for duration of licensure in state of Georgia.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- o Confirmed June 11, 2007 Board Meeting date

BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- o Reported that there are no cases at this time

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motioned by Andrea Boswell, seconded by Lori Smith and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Elizabeth (Beth) Larrimore, Chairman
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