

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

VISITORS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Beth Larrimore established that a quorum was present and the **public hearing** was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

Board Rule 609-7-.01: Continuing Professional Education Requirements
No written or public comments were received pertaining to the board rule proposed for adoption. The public hearing adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Beth Larrimore established that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD RULE 609-7-.01: CONTINUING

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. – Lori Smith motioned, Denise Sheppard seconded and the Board voted **to adopt**.

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. §43-44-6.

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 this rule 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 OF DRAFT REVISION OF BOARD RULE 609-3-.03: Lori Smith motioned, Robin Bohannon seconded and the Board **voted to post** the 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 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; or

4. 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.

5. 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.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT REVISION OF BOARD RULE 609-8-.03: Andrea Boswell motioned, Lori Smith seconded and the Board **voted to post** the rule.

609-8-.03 Reinstatement of a Surrendered or Revoked License

(1) 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.

(d) If 36 months or greater from the date the license was surrendered or revoked, reinstatement may be allowed by meeting one of the following requirements:

1. Submit a completed reinstatement application to the Board and show that the applicant has:

(i) Retaken and passed the PRAXIS exam within one (1) year of the date of the application; or

(ii) A current license from another state or country with equivalent standards to the current Georgia law with the verification from the other state or country; and

(iii) Obtained fifty (50) contact hours or 5.0 CEU's directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of the application; and

(iv) Paid the reinstatement fee; and

(v) Met the requirements for the license in effect on the date of the application.

(2) A surrendered or revoked license is subject to reinstatement at the discretion of the Board. The Board may restore or reissue a license and, as a condition thereof, may impose any disciplinary action.

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

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 rules 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.

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Lori Smith motioned, Andrea Boswell seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the June 9, 2007 board meeting minutes **as amended**.

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>
AUD003773	Giddens, Katherine E	Audiologist
AUD003774	Neal, Leslie Elizabeth	Audiologist
AUD003775	Hermanns, Kelly Anne	Audiologist
PCET001218	Dowless, Sara Louise	PCE Temporary License
PCET001220	Lynn, Tammy Purcell	PCE Temporary License
PCET001221	Boone, Laurie Lynn	PCE Temporary License
PCET001222	Hundley, Catherine Marie	PCE Temporary License
PCET001223	Scroggins, Leslie Deanne	PCE Temporary License
PCET001224	Paulk, Valerie	PCE Temporary License
PCET001225	Divello, Annie	PCE Temporary License
PCET001226	Jackson, Sandra Denise	PCE Temporary License
PCET001227	Sine, Mandy Marie	PCE Temporary License
RPE000001	Pearce, Jacqueline Campbell	RPE Temporary License
SLP006664	Dickey, Kelly Marie Playfair	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006665	Mixon, Kathryn Grace	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006666	Hood, Tasha Michelle	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006667	Jones, Nancy Mamie	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006668	Turley, Keri L	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006669	Heffley, Sharon S	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006670	Blair, Owena Alston	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006671	McKenzie, Alicia L	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006672	Walker, Roanna Truvine	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006673	Merritt, Allison Evon	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006674	Bauer, Kellie L	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006675	Mann, Marla Parker	Speech-Language Pathologist

SLP006676	Coleman, Tameka Iris	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006677	Porcaro, Dawnell	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006678	Steele, Jamie N	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006679	Williammee, Loraine Judith	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006680	Fox, Kimberly	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006681	Guobaitis, Lindsey Anne	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006682	Wilson, Terri D	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006683	Harrell, Patrice Graham	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006684	Hadden, Preston Clay	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006685	Rogers, Paula Tomberlin	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006686	Dairman, Florence L.	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006687	Rounds, Allison Mac	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006688	Koches, Lisa C.	Speech-Language Pathologist
	REINSTATEMENTS	
SLP003571	Larson, Jamie Suzanne	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP001566	Potter, Jennifer L.	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP003274	Dowling, Laura Marblestone	Speech-Language Pathologist
AUD003674	Stephens, Caroline Inglesby	Audiologist

CORRESPONDENCE

- NCSB Conference in San Antonio – Tabled; The Board members will check their schedules and determine at the next meeting which two members will attend.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Discussion of post-graduate work experience requirements for Audiologist graduates.
 - Revisions were made to Board Rule 609-3-.04 – Will be considered at next meeting for posting.
- Revisions to Board Rule 609-6-.01 were suggested and will be considered at the next meeting.

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

APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Recommendation
B.A.H. – PCE/SLP applicant	Approval
D.K.C. - Applicant	Request denied – the additional one hour of CE is required.

VOTE

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ms. Anita Martin

- Provided board members with an update on renewal...licensees who have not renewed their licenses have been lapsed effective today and must now reinstate.
- Informed the Board that four (4) people are currently listed as renewal pending and we hope to have their matters resolved by the August meeting.

BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Ms. Janet Wray

- No report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motioned by Andrea Boswell, seconded by Lori Smith and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Elizabeth (Beth) Larrimore, Chairman
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Anita Martin, Executive Director
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Accepted by Board August 27, 2007

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