

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND
AUDIOLOGY
Board Meeting
December 10, 2007**

The Board Meeting for the Georgia State Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology was held on Monday, December 10, 2007, at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:	Others Present:
Elizabeth (Beth) Larrimore, President Denise Sheppard Robin Bohannon Andrea Boswell Susan Daughtry Lori Smith Terri Williams	Anita Martin, Executive Director Eva Holmes, Board Secretary Janet Wray, Board Attorney Susan Hewett, Application Specialist Herndon A. Durett

Beth Larrimore established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., was **called to order** at 10:03 a.m.

Discussion of draft of Board Rule 609-3-.03:

- *Board response:* Lori Smith motioned, Robin Bohannon 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. Doctoral Degree: Applicants whose degree was earned on or after January 1, 2007, must have earned 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. Clinical Requirements submit certified evidence of completion 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.

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3. Submit certified evidence of completion of a professional 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.

(i) 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.

(I). Acceptable clinical practicum experience includes clinical and administrative activities directly related to patient care..III. 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.

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

2. Master's Degree: Applicants 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.

(i) The applicant with an earned master's degree shall submit :

(ii) 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.

(iii) some course work must address issues pertaining to normal and abnormal human development and behavior across the life span and to culturally diverse populations.

(iv) at least thirty-six (36) hours of these academic credit must be earned at the graduate level from an accredited program.

(vi) 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.

(vii) 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.

(viii) 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.

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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 of Board Rule 609-6-.01:

- Board response: Table until January 2008 board meeting.

Discussion of 609-3-.04:

- Board response: To be reviewed at the January 2008 board meeting.

Review of October 22, 2007 board meeting minutes.

- Board response: Lori Smith motioned, Susan Daughtry seconded and the Board voted to **approve**.

Ratify list of licenses –

- Board response: Andrea Boswell motioned, Denise Sheppard seconded and the Board voted to **approve**.

<i>License Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>License Type</i>
AUD003785	Callahan, Julia Susan	Audiologist
AUD003786	Montaudo, Renee L	Audiologist
AUD003787	Pierce, Andrea Dawn	Audiologist
AUD003788	Ergle, Brian Keith	Audiologist
AUD003789	Grant, Donna Rivers	Audiologist
PCET001264	Gernand, Keri Leigh	PCE Temporary License
PCET001265	Edmond, Tonja Renee	PCE Temporary License
PCET001266	Lester, Lisa Inez	PCE Temporary License
PCET001267	Holliday, Amanda Waters	PCE Temporary License
PCET001268	Pursley, Helen Marie	PCE Temporary License
SLPA000159	Fassbender, Allison Michelle	Speech Pathologist Aide
SLP006749	Casey, Jennifer Rae	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006750	Davis, Rhonda Lou	Speech-Language Pathologist

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SLP006751	Risley, Tracy Burke	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006752	White, Jennifer Lynne	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006753	Sheldon, Meredith G	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006754	Campbell, Christina Joy	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006755	Streppa, Caroline Lea	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006756	Lee, Lisa Chan	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006757	Bailey, Debra Lynn	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006758	Kent, Cheryl Ann	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006759	Clesi, Heather Ann	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006760	Smith, Rita A	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006761	Allen, Audrey B	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006762	Hood, Melanie Smith	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006763	Jett, Madonna Taylor	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006764	Perkins, Richard Alan	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006765	Evans, Erika Elizabeth	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006766	Irwin, Jennifer Kathleen	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006767	Hamilton, Amy Spotts	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006768	Downs, Crystal Yvonne	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006769	Knox, Jessica Lynn	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006770	Counter, Margaret Gash	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006771	Chevalier, Amanda Lister	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006772	Katz, Amy Claire	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006773	Mortenson, Melissa Lynn	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006774	Ecklund, Sally Kay	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006775	Holden, Margaret Leora	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006776	Gordon, Jenny L	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006777	Meyers, MaryAnn	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006778	Rudolph, Jennifer Renee'	Speech-Language Pathologist
REINSTATEMENTS		
SLP005402	Magnant, Mary Catherine	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP003976	Chappelle, Eva Ulrich	Speech-Language Pathologist

Petition from Deborah Kroll requesting waiver.

- Board response: Lori Smith motioned, Terri Williams seconded and the Board voted to **deny** the request. Notify Ms. Kroll that the board finds the recency of study as being important to assure the consumer protection.

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Executive Director's Report – Ms. Anita Martin

- Presented a Public Consent Order for reinstatement on Christine Donaldson Rodriguez.
 - Board response: Robin Bohannon motioned, Susan Daughtry seconded and the board voted to accept.

Miscellaneous –

- Discussed the sales of Hearing Aids via Internet/Mail Order.
 - Recommendation: Andrea Boswell motioned, Lori Smith seconded and the Board voted to refer this matter to the Attorney General for advice on how to pursue possible unlicensed practice. Also, query the Hearing Aid Board regarding what actions they are taking for these cases and the success rate.
- Susan Daughtry discussed the meeting held with Secretary of State Karen Handel.
- Beth Larrimore discussed her attendance at the NCSB meeting.

Executive Session -

Terri Williams made a motion, Robin Bohannon seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Andrea Boswell, Susan Daughtry, Denise Sheppard and Lori Smith. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

Board Appointment:

H.A.D. – Audiologist applicant

- Recommendation: Tabled pending Attorney General's advice.

Executive Director's Report – Ms. Anita Martin

- Presented a private consent order for reinstatement on L.W.S.
 - Recommendation: Accept

Lori Smith motioned, Susan Daughtry seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations made in the Executive Session:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2008 at **10:00 a.m.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Eva Holmes, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director