

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
AND AUDIOLOGY
Conference Call Board Meeting
Professional Licensing Board
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
September 27, 2010**

The meeting of the Georgia State Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology was held on Monday, September 27, 2010, at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

| The following Board members were present: | Others Present: |
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| Andrea Boswell Robin Bohannon Elizabeth Larrimore Lori Smith Denise R. Sheppard Terri Williams | Susan Hewett, Licensure Supervisor Anita Martin, Executive Director Carol White, Board Secretary Janet Wray, Sr. Assistant Attorney General |

Open Session

Andrea Boswell established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. was **called to order** at 8:05 a.m.

Review of August 30, 2010 Board Conference Call meeting minutes.

- *Board response:* Robin Bohannon moved to **approve** the minutes. Terri Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify License.

- *Board response:* The Board tabled until the October 2010 Board meeting.

Discussion on changing the title of Chapter 609-6 to Speech-Language Pathology Aides and Audiology Assistants.

- *Board response:* Lori Smith made a motion to post an amendment to the title of the Board Rule Chapter 609-6 to read Speech-Language Pathology Aide and Audiology Assistants. Elizabeth Larrimore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Review the updated Reinstatement Board policy.

- *Board response:* Lori Smith made a motion to update the Reinstatement Board Policy to state the same number of CE hours for reinstatement as the Board Rule. Robin Bohannon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Reinstatement Policy

All applicants must provide continuing education information in compliance with Board rule 609-7-.01. The information submitted must include a certificate of completion and a course outline for each program attended. **The information submitted must be organized & concise.** Information that is submitted that is scant or excessive will be returned for the applicant's resubmission. The return of information to the applicant will extensively delay processing

Practice with Expired License

For 0-6 months – reinstate with a **Private** Consent Order in addition to fees & ce requirements as outlined below:

- Fees:
 - o Applicant must pay the late renewal fee; and
 - o Applicant must pay a fine of \$500 within 60 days of docket date of the reinstatement consent order.
- Continuing Education:
 - o Applicant must submit documentation of having completed 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 the application;
 - o Continuing education hours submitted for late renewal/reinstatement cannot be used for any upcoming renewal period; and
 - o 2 contact hours continuing education in Ethics must be obtained within 12 months from the docket date of the reinstatement consent order.

Greater than 6 months but no more than 12 months: reinstate with a **Public** Consent Order in addition to fees & ce requirements as outlined below:

- Fees:
 - o Applicant must pay the late renewal fee; and
 - o Applicant must pay a fine of \$1000 within 60 days of docket date of reinstatement consent order.
- Continuing Education:
 - o Applicant must submit documentation of having completed 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 the application;
 - o Continuing education hours submitted for late renewal/reinstatement cannot be used for any upcoming renewal period; and
 - o 2 contact hours continuing education in Ethics must be

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obtained within 12 months from the docket date of the reinstatement consent order.

Greater than 12 months but no more than 24 months: reinstate with a **Public Consent Order** in addition to fees & ce requirements as outlined below:

- Fees:
 - o Applicant must pay the late renewal fee; and
 - o Applicant must pay a fine of \$1500 within 60 days of docket date of reinstatement consent order.
- Continuing Education:
 - o Applicant must submit documentation of having completed 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 the application;
 - o Continuing education hours submitted for late renewal/reinstatement cannot be used for any upcoming renewal period; and
 - o 2 contact hours continuing education in Ethics must be obtained within 12 months from the docket date of the reinstatement consent order.

More than 24 months: reinstate with a **Public Consent Order** in addition to fees & CE requirements as outlined below:

- Fees:
 - o Applicant must pay the late renewal fee; and
 - o Applicant must pay a fine as determined at the Board's discretion within 60 days of docket date of reinstatement consent order.
- Continuing Education:
 - o Applicant must submit documentation of having completed 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 the application;

Correspondence from Karen L. Niles, Director, ASHA Professional Development.

- *Board response:* The Board tabled until the October 2010 Board meeting.

Report on review of approved Endorsement States.

- *Board Response:* Robin Bohannon made a motion to approve endorsement for Audiologist from Alabama, Arizona, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Lori Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Update from Audiology Committee regarding Dr. Goldsmith's request regarding the online fitting and dispensing of hearing aids with a medical clearance or a waiver to decline an audiological evaluation.

- *Board Response:* Denise Sheppard made a motion to advise Dr. Goldsmith that the practice as proposed does not meet our minimum standards in Georgia. Mr. Bohannon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Denise Sheppard made a motion, Lori Smith seconded 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 those present who included Robin Bohannon, Elizabeth Larrimore and Terri Williams. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

Cognizant Report – Lori Smith

SLPA110001 – The Board requested additional information

- Request investigative file form Insurance Commissioner's office
- Contact complaint and see if respondent is still sending him/her bills.

Attorney General's Report – Ms. Janet Wray

- Ms. Wray reminded the Board of the hearing that will be heard before the Board on October 25, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Carol White, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director