

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND
 AUDIOLOGY
 Board Meeting
 Professional Licensing Board
 237 Coliseum Drive
 Macon, GA 31217
 November 7, 2011
 10:00 a.m.**

The Board Meeting for the Georgia State Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology was held on Monday, November 7, 2011, at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:	Others Present:
Andrea Boswell Melanie Blackwood Robin Bohannon, AUD Michael Callahan, M.D. Amy Gatch Holly Kaplan, AUD Lauren Wright Lori Smith, AUD	Anita Martin, Executive Director Janet Wray, Sr. Assistant Attorney General Carol White, Board Secretary

Open Session

Lori Smith established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. was **called to order 10:15 a.m.**

Review of September 12 , 2011 Conference Call Board meeting minutes.

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

Ratify list of licenses.

- *Board response:* Lauren Wright moved to **approve** the list. Robin Bohannon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Shirley Sell

- *Board response:* Amy Gatch made a motion that the Board clarify that the topics for the 2 hours of CE are acceptable under the related category, no other topics are acceptable. Andrea Boswell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Jamie M. Howard, AuD

- *Board response:* Dr. Kaplan made a motion that according to Georgia Law, OCGA §43-44-7(i), requires a Georgia Licensed Audiologist to provide care. The Board states that Dr. Howard may also wish to contact the Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers Board. Robin Bohannon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Executive Director Report

- Ms. Martin welcomed new Board member, Melanie Blackwood to the Board.
- Ms. Martin stated that Board Rule 609-3-.03 – *Requirements for Licensure by Examination for Audiology on January 1, 2007 or After* appears not to have been adopted a couple of years ago. Ms. Martin stated that the rule will be on the December 2011 agenda for review and consideration for posting.
- Ms. Martin shared with the Board a letter that was hand delivered from Tiffany M. Scandrett with Communication Dynamics regarding permission to contact licensed speech therapists in Middle Georgia. The Board recommended she could request a copy of a roster from the Board's website.

Miscellaneous

- Andrea Boswell nominated, Dr. Kaplan seconded and Amy Gatch was elected as Vice-President.
- Dr. Smith named a committee comprised of herself, Robin Bohannon, Andrea Boswell and Amy Gatch to review the applications for the SLP Aides and AUD Assistants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Holly Kaplan made a motion, Robin Bohannon 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 Andrea Boswell, Melanie Blackwood, Dr. Michael Callahan, Amy Gatch, and Lauren Wright. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

Applications:

1. J.W. – Denied Speech Language Pathology Aide Applicant – The Board recommended scheduling the applicant and supervisor for an investigative Interview.
2. D.L.J. – The Board recommended denial. - The information provided on training and work is beyond the scope of practice allowed by a SLP aide.

Cognizant Report – Drs. Holly Kaplan and Lori Smith

- SLPA090003 – The Board recommended closing the case with a mitigating circumstances letter.
- SLPA120002 – The Board recommended referring to the Attorney General's office for revocation.

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- SLPA120003 – The Board recommended closing with no violation as work was conducted at a physician’s office.

Open Session

Dr. Smith declared the Board out of executive session and back into open session.

Amy Gatch made a motion to deny applicant J.W. – Speech Language Pathology Aide Applicant. Robin Bohannon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Andrea Boswell made a motion to deny applicant D.L.J. – Speech Language Pathology Aide Applicant. Robin Bohannon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SLPA090003 – Andrea Boswell made a motion to send a mitigating circumstances letter requesting 10 hours of CE in billing and ask for a copy of the billing services company contract to be submitted to the Board.

SLPA120002 – Dr. Kaplan made a motion to refer to the Attorney General’s office for revocation of licensure. Amy Gatch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SLPA120003 – Robin Bohannon made a motion to close with no violation as work was conducted at a physician’s office. Dr. Callahan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be December 5, 2011.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Carol White, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director