

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
AND AUDIOLOGY
Professional Licensing Board
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217
April 16, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Conference Call**

The Conference Call Board Meeting for the Georgia State Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology was held on Monday, April 16, 2012, at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:	Others Present:
Lori Smith, AUD, President Amy Gatch, SLP, Vice President Robin Bohannon, AuD Melanie Blackwood, SLP Holly Kaplan, PhD Lauren Wright	Janet Wray, Sr. Attorney General Eric Lacefield, Assistant Division Director Carol White, Board Support Marcus Downs, MAG Director, Government Relations

Open Session

Dr. 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 at 10:06 a.m.

Review of February 6, 2012 Conference Call Board meeting minutes.

Mr. Bohannon moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Kaplan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ratify list of licenses

Mr. Bohannon moved to approve the ratified list. Ms. Blackwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Consideration to adopt Board Rule 609-4-.05 – Assessment Practices. Amended.

Dr. Kaplan made a motion to deny the adoption of Board Rule 609-4-.05. Mr. Bohannon seconded the motion. Dr. Kaplan made a motion to repost the amended Board Rule 609-4-.05 – Assessment Practices. Amended. Mr. Bohannon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

609-4-.05 Assessment Practices. Amended.

- (1) Licensees shall make every effort to select and use assessment instruments, techniques or procedures that are valid, reliable and appropriate for the individual client.
- (2) Licensees shall provide the client with an orientation to the purpose of assessment or to the proposed use of assessment results prior to administration of assessment instruments, techniques or procedures.

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(3) Licensees shall administer assessment instruments, including technology based assessment instruments, which are within the licensee's competence for scoring and interpretation.

(a) Speech-Language Pathologist.

1. A Speech-Language Pathologist who is not licensed in Audiology may perform nondiagnostic hearing screenings for the purposes of either performing a speech and language evaluation or for the initial identification of individuals with other communication disorders. A non-diagnostic hearing screening shall be defined as a pure tone air conduction procedure which is conducted in a manner such that the results can only be reported on a pass/fail basis. A report of the screening results may include ear specific information regarding frequencies tested and intensity criteria (screening levels).

2. Other audiological screenings may be performed only when monitored by a licensed Audiologist. These audiological screenings must be conducted in a manner such that the results can only be reported on a pass/fail basis. The licensed audiologist is ultimately liable for the quality of such services and any complaints against the speech-language pathologist regarding these services shall be viewed by the Board as a complaint against the licensed audiologist.

(b) Audiologist.

1. An audiologist who is not licensed as a speech-language pathologist may perform a non-diagnostic speech and language screening for the purposes of performing either an audiological evaluation or for the initial identification of individuals with other communicative disorders. A non-diagnostic speech and language screening is a procedure conducted in a manner such that the results can only be reported on a pass/fail basis.

2. Other speech and language screenings may be performed only when monitored by a licensed speech-language pathologist. These speech and language screenings must be conducted in a manner such that the results can only be reported on a pass/fail basis. The licensed speech-language pathologist is ultimately liable for the quality of such services and any complaints against the audiologist regarding these services shall be viewed by the Board as a complaint against the licensed speech-language pathologist.

3. Licensees shall perform a visual inspection of the ear and ear canal prior to any audiological testing.

(4) Licensees shall record results accurately and in language which is clear and understandable.

(5) Licensees shall make available to the client, upon request, copies of any assessment results in the possession of the licensee which have been prepared for and paid for by the client.

(6) Licensees shall use only reliable assessment data to select or recommend specific products to be dispensed or services to be rendered.

(a) Test data used for the selection of a hearing aid shall not be more than six months old. This shall not apply for the replacement of a hearing aid with a hearing aid of the same make and model unless new testing is required by the consumer's age, history or condition.

(b) Audiometric testing must be performed using a wide range audiometer which meets the specifications of the American National Standards Institute (s3.6-1996) for diagnostic audiometers.

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(7) A hearing aid is defined as a wearable sound-amplifying device that is intended to compensate for impaired hearing. Other devices can amplify sound, but are not intended to compensate for impaired human hearing. As such, any device marketed, labeled or otherwise stated or claims to improve impaired hearing is by definition a hearing aid, whether the claim was overt or implied. Further, any device which claims to have characteristics or features that would only be necessary to improve hearing (i.e. noise reduction, multiple bands or channels, noise cancellation, feedback reduction, etc.) would be considered a hearing aid.

Authority _____

Correspondence from Jerry Dubberly regarding does the States decision to allow SLP's to allow SLP's override Medicaid's rule from March 2012 agenda.

The Board states the Speech Language Pathology and Audiology law and rule does not override the Medicaid rule and that SLP aides are not allowed to perform services for Medicaid patients. Ms. Blackwood made a motion to approve the board's decision; Dr. Kaplan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Candi Kohler regarding the number of clinical hours, supervision and required course work regarding Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (Fees).

Dr. Kaplan made a motion there are no required number of clinical hours, supervision and required course work to independently use FEES. The Board recommends you check the ASHA website to see what CEs and Documentation they recommend and to also check with your employer as to what they require. Ms. Blackwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion of list of states approved or not approved for endorsement. The Board members divided up the list of states approved or not approved for endorsement to review and bring back to the next board meeting in June 2012 to be presented to the board.

General – Dr. Lori Smith

- Dr. Smith welcomed Eric Lacefield as the new Executive Director for the Board.

Executive Session

Ms. Gatch made a motion, Ms. Blackwood 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 and O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) to review complaints. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included

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Dr. Kaplan, Ms. Wright, and Dr. Bohannon. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

Applications:

1. T.I.H. – Speech Language Pathology Aide- The Board recommended to uphold the denied application.

Attorney General Report – Ms. Janet Wray

- Ms. Wray discussed with the Board she had sent a Consent Order to F.D.B. for consideration. Ms. Wray stated F.D.B. has requested an appearance before the Board at the June 11, 2012 board meeting. The Board recommended scheduling an appointment for F.D.B.

Open Session

Dr. Kaplan made a motion to approve the recommendations in executive session. Ms. Blackwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board voted to change the Board meeting date from June 4, 2011 to June 11, 2012. Ms. Blackwood motion; Mr. Bohannon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Blackwood and Ms. Boswell are working on a check list of how denied applications are being handled. Ms. Blackwood will present the check list to the Board for review at a future Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be June 11, 2012.

Ms. Blackwood made a motion to adjourn, Dr. Kaplan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Carol White, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Eric Lacefield, Assistant Division Director

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COUNTY OF BIBB

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A.50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A.50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question:

Comes now Lori Smith, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

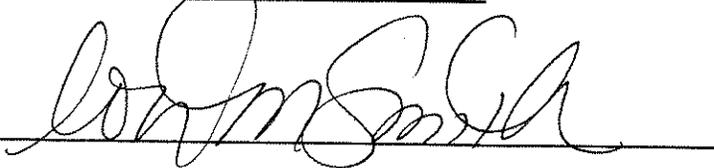
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On June 11, 2012, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h).
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

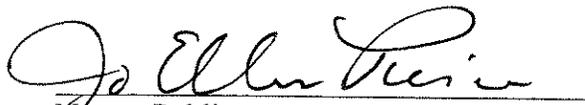
SUBJECT DISCUSSED:	LEGAL AUTHORITY
Investigations including reports and deliberations	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(h)(2)&(4)
Applications	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2-(k)(1)(2)
Exams (including questions, materials and deliberations)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(3)(4)
Attorney General's Report (certain matters of attorney/client privilege which include: 1. Pending/Potential litigation 2. Settlements (Consent Orders/Disciplinary 3. Claims 4. Administrative Proceedings 5. Judicial actions relating to the board 6. Other matters listed as closed session	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-14-2(1)
Investigative Interviews if part of disciplinary	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(4)
Probation Report (employer and self report)	
Probation Reports (medical information)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-18-72(G)(2)
Executive Session Minutes	O.C.G.A. Sect 50-14-4
Cognizant Member's Report	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(4)
Voting	None (must be in open session)

FURTHER THE AFFLIANT SAYETH NOT

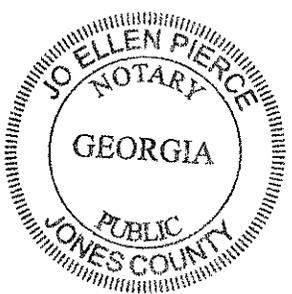
PRESIDING OFFICER _____



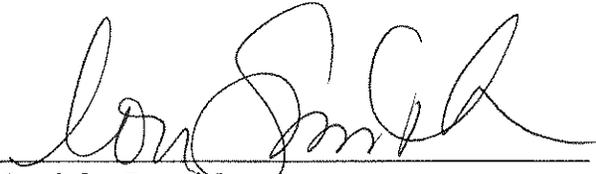
Sworn and subscribed before me
This 11th day of June, 2012


Notary Public

Exp. 4/11/16



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