

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
AND AUDIOLOGY
Professional Licensing Board
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217
August 6, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Board Meeting**

The Board Meeting for the Georgia State Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology was held on, August 6, 2012, at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:	Others Present:
Lori Smith, AUD, President Melanie Blackwood, SLP Andrea Boswell, SLP- Via Tele Conference Robin Bohannon, SLP Michael Callahan, MD Amy Gatch, SLP Lauren Wright	Janet Wray, Sr. Attorney General Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director Morgan Bennett, Licensing Analyst

Open Session

Lori Smith established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Introduction of Visitors

There were no visitors present for the Board meeting.

Review of June 11, 2012 Board meeting minutes.

Andrea Bowell made a motion to approve the minutes. Robin Bohannon seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Ratify list of licenses

Melanie Blackwood made a motion to ratify the list of licenses. Andrea Bowell seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Discussion of SLP Aid Rule changes and forms

Janet Wray advised that the changes need to be put in rule format. The Board discussed the renewal portion of the changes. Lori Smith and Andrea Boswell will rewrite the SLP Aid Rule and Ms. Tanja Battle will assist with putting the changes in rule format. The Board stated this rule would be discussed at the next board meeting.

Correspondence from Jenny Dixon re: multiple supervisors

The Board discussed the interpretation of Board Rule 609-3-.04. The rule states “Professional employment of less than 15 hours per week may not be used to fulfill any part of the PCE/RPE”. Because the hours are being obtained at two (2) separate locations, it was decided that if the completion of 15 hours at one of the locations is not obtained during one week, but 15 hours were obtained during that same week at the second location, then the 15 hours from the second location would be accepted and the number of hours, (less than 15), would not be accepted from the first location. Weekly hours would need to be submitted to the Board. Melanie Blackwood moved to accept this interpretation of the Board rule. Amy Gatch seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of the interpretation of the Board rule.

Correspondence from Dianne Russell regarding professional trend

Andrea Boswell stated that the Board does not have the information that Ms. Russell is requesting. The Board would like to receive information regarding Ms. Russell’s research once completed. Andrea Boswell suggested writing a letter to Ms. Russell to indicate this. Robin Bohannon moved to accept Ms. Boswell’s suggestion. Michael Blackwood seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of Ms. Boswell’s suggestion to write Ms. Russell a letter regarding her research.

Rule Waiver Petition – Allison Rowland re: Rule 690-8-.03

The Board discussed Ms. Rowland’s request regarding retaking the PRAXIS.

Lauren Wright made a motion, Andrea Boswell seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on Ms. Rowland’s application. Voting in favor of the motion were those present including Lori Smith, Melanie Blackwood, Robin Bohannon, Michael Callahan, Lauren Wright, Andrea Boswell and Amy Gatch.

Executive Session

Applications:

The following applications were discussed:

- 1. A.K.L. - SLP

Lori Smith declared the meeting back in Open Session.

Open Session

Rule Waiver Petition – Allison Rowland re: Rule 690-8-.03

The Board discussed Ms. Rowland’s request regarding retaking the PRAXIS. Andrea Boswell made a motion to deny the waiver request. Amy Gatch seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of denying the waiver request.

Rule Waiver Petition – Sherie McGee re: Rule 690-8-.03

The Board discussed Ms. McGee’s request regarding retaking the PRAXIS. Amy Gatch made a motion to deny the waiver request since there is no application on file. Robin Bohannon seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of denying the waiver request.

Rule 609-13-.01 Telecommunications

Tabled until October Board meeting

Officer Elections

Holly Kaplan was nominated for Board Chair. Melanie Blackwood was nominated for Vice-Chair. Amy Gatch was nominated for Cognizant. Robin Bohannon made a motion to accept the nominations. Andrea Boswell seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of the nominations.

General – Dr. Lori Smith

Dr. Smith suggested having information available for new Board members regarding procedure; she also suggested holding a new Board member orientation. Ms. Tanja Battle advised the Board office has this information and will make it available to new Board members. There will also be a new Board member orientation held in the future. The date will be decided at a later time. Andrea Boswell discussed having letters that are mailed on behalf of the Board sent to a designated Board member for review/approval. Ms. Tanja Battle advised the Board office will send letters to Andrea for review.

Executive Director’s Report -Open Session – Ms. Tanja D. Battle

Ms. Battle advised that a new Board support specialist has been hired and will begin on August 16, 2012. Ms. Battle also advised that the Board office is currently interviewing for a new licensure analyst and hopes to have the position filled soon.

Attorney General’s Report- Open Session- Ms. Janet Wray

No report.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Tanja Battle discussed correspondence received from Stefani Carter regarding SLP and SLP Aids. The Board advised that Ms. Carter review the Board rules.

Andrea Boswell 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 and O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) to review complaints. Voting in favor of the motion were those present including Lori Smith, Melanie Blackwood, Lauren Wright, Michael Callahan and Amy Gatch.

Executive Session

Appointments:

none

Applications:

The following applications were discussed:

1. M.A.C. – Speech Language Pathologist Aid Application
2. A.K.S. – Speech Language Pathologist Aide Application
3. D.L.J. – Speech Language Pathologist Aide Application
4. Y.K.R. – Speech Language Pathologist Aide Application

Executive Director’s Report- Ms. Tanja D. Battle

No report.

Attorney General’s Report- Ms. Janet Wray

Ms. Wray discussed an open complaint case regarding J.W. She is currently waiting on a certified copy of the criminal conviction documents before proceeding.

Miscellaneous

The following complaint was discussed:

5. SLPA120007

Lori Smith declared the meeting back in Open Session.

Open Session

The Board voted on deliberations made in Executive Session as follows:

1. M.A.C. – Andrea Boswell moved to approve the application. Amy Gatch seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion.
2. A.K.S. – Melanie Blackwood moved to have applicant review O.C.G.A. § 43-44-7(b)(2), review Board rule 609-6-.01, redo the job description and advise the Board of his/her employer. Amy Gatch seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion.
3. D.L.J. – Amy Gatch moved to have applicant review laws and rules and resubmit application. Melanie Blackwood seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion.
4. Y.K.R. – Amy Gatch moved to have applicant resubmit job description and read rule. Andrea Boswell seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion.
5. SLPA120007 – Amy Gatch moved to close the complaint with no action. Andrea Boswell seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Amy Gatch made a motion to adjourn. Melanie Blackwood seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Morgan Bennett, Licensing Analyst
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director