

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive Macon, GA 31217
December 3, 2012
10:00 a.m.**

Board Members Present:

Holly Kaplan, President
Melanie Blackwood
Miranda Pritcher-Ross
Robin Bohannon
Erica Ann Chatelain
Amy Gatch

Staff Present:

Janet Wray, Board Attorney
Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Visitors Present:

Dan Phillips
Norma Harris

Open Session

Holly Kaplan established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05am

Consideration of minutes from October 3, 2012 Teleconference Board meeting

Robin Bohannon made a motion to approve minutes from the October 3, 2012 Board Meeting, Erica A. Chatelain seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Consideration of licenses that have been administratively issued

Amy Gatch made a motion to approve the report of licenses issued September 24, 2012- November 26, 2012. Robin Bohannon seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Norma Harris Rule Waiver Request 609-8-.03 (2) (d)

Amy Gatch made a motion, Melanie Blackwood seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Discussion: OAE Screeners

The Board discussed an ongoing concern regarding OAE Screeners and other devices used by those who may not be licensed to do so particularly as it relates to children from birth to five years of age. Discussion ensued regarding communication with staff at preschools, head start programs and daycare centers regarding such. Holly Kaplan made a motion to send a letter to

schools and facilities dealing with this population to caution against the use of such without proper licensing. Robin Bohannon seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion. Tammy Uehlin's name was given as a contact person to work with regarding proper outreach.

Speech 2013 Board Meeting Dates

Melanie Blackwood made a motion to set the Board meeting date as follows:

February 4, 2013
April 8, 2013
June 10, 2013
August 5, 2013
September 16, 2013
November 4, 2013

Amy Gatch seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

New Board Member Orientation:

Tanja Battle discussed the requirements of Open Meetings, along with general information as it relates to processing applications, complaints and making information available through the shared website, Epiware.

Executive Director's Open Session – Ms. Tanja D. Battle

Ms. Battle discussed the impact of the Secure and Verifiable Document on processing, especially as it relates to renewals which now had to be all be processed manually, as opposed to automatically. Ms. Battle pointed out that, as it is currently written, this requirement would need to be met every time a licensee renews.

Miscellaneous

Melanie Blackwood indicated that she wanted to discuss ASHA related issue of Telepractice across state lines and the maximum number of continuing education hours taken in one day.

Amy Gatch made the 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 and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were Holly Kaplan, Melanie Blackwood, Miranda Pritcher-Ross, Robin Bohannon, Erica Ann Chatelain, and Amy Gatch.

Executive Session

The Board discussed the following:

Applications

1. A.M.C.
2. C.L.S.
3. K.L.B.
4. L.J.

5. L.S.G.
6. B.J.S.
7. T.J.V.G.
8. S.A.G.
9. D.R.

Miscellaneous

Miranda Pritcher-Ross discussed a concern she had regarding possible practice violations in the state. Tanja Battle suggested that she send the complaint to Morgan Bennett to be sent through the complaint process.

Dr. Holly Kaplan concluded Executive Session, in which no votes were taken and declared the meeting back in Open Session.

Open Session

VOTE:

Amy Gatch made a motion, Robin Bohannon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the following recommendations based on deliberations in Executive Session:

Applications

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| 1. | A.M.C. | Deny failure to meet qualifications |
| 2. | C.L.S. | Approve for 6 months |
| 3. | K.L.B. | Approve |
| 4. | L.J. | Approve |
| 5. | L.S.G. | Send LOC concerning job description |
| 6. | B.J.S. | Approve |
| 7. | T.J.V.G. | Applicant needs 1 hour of continuing education in the field of Treatment or Diagnosis by December 31, 2012. Applicant is to be notified of the importance of being aware of dates and deadlines in the future. |
| 8. | S.A.G. | Applicant is to be directed to reinstatement rule and applicant needs appropriate 30 hours of CE courses in Treatment or Diagnosis or take the Praxis Exam by March 31, 2013. |
| 9. | D.R. | Approve for 6 months. |

Attorney General’s Open Session – Ms. Janet Wray

Ms. Wray discussed a Review Hearing for Janine Wright. In order to meet legal time parameters, the Board would need to meet prior to the February meeting. Melanie Blackwood made a motion, Amy Gatch seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to direct Ms. Wray to file for an extension and schedule a Review Hearing for January 14, 2013 in conjunction with a full board meeting.

No more business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 12:20pm

The next Speech Language Pathology & Audiology Board meeting will be on Monday, January 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Minutes recorded by:

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director