

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217
January 14, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

Board Members Present:

Holly Kaplan, President
Melanie Gilley
Miranda Pritcher-Ross
Robin Bohannon
Erica Ann Chatelain
Amy Gatch
Lauren Wright, Consumer Member

Staff Present:

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

Visitors Present:

Kim Stroup, Hearing Officer
Court Reporter

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

Open Session

A Review Hearing was held for Janine Wright. There were numerous attempts to have Ms. Wright participate via conference call and after almost an hour, she joined in via telephone. She indicated that, despite notice, she was not prepared to participate in the hearing. Ms. Wray acknowledged Ms. Wright's position and advised her that the hearing would proceed without her. Ms. Wright disconnected from the call. The Court Reporter recorded the hearing.

Melanie Gilley made the motion, Amy Gatch 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 on Ms. Wright's matter. Voting in favor of the motion were Holly Kaplan, Melanie Gilley, Miranda Pritcher-Ross, Robin Bohannon, Erica Ann Chatelain, Amy Gatch, and Lauren Wright.

Executive Session

Board members only remained to deliberate. Holly Kaplan concluded Executive Session, in which no votes were taken, and declared Open Session.

Open Session

The Hearing Officer, Court Report, Board Attorney and Staff returned.

The Board voted to adopt and affirm in its entirety the Initial Decision rendered on November 2, 2012. The votes regarding such are reflected in the records of the Court Reporter.

Consideration of minutes from the December 3, 2012 Board Meeting

Melanie Gilley made a motion to approve minutes as amended from the December 3, 2012 Board meeting, Robin Bohannon seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Consideration of Licenses to Ratify November 27, 2012-January 8, 2013

Amy Gatch made a motion to approve the report of licenses issued November 27, 2012-January 8, 2013. Melanie Gilley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Sally Grumbles Rule Waiver: Reinstatement 609-8.03(1)(i)

Melanie Gilley made a motion to approve, Robin Bohannon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Melanie Gilley made the motion, Amy Gatch 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 Gilley, Miranda Pritcher-Ross, Robin Bohannon, Erica Ann Chatelain, Amy Gatch, and Lauren Wright.

Executive Session

The Board discussed the following:

Applications

1. A.M.C.
2. S.E.G
3. N.E.M.
4. S.P.C.
5. C.N.

Holly Kaplan concluded Executive Session, in which no votes were taken, and declared the meeting back in Open Session at 12:15 p.m.

Open Session

States Approved for Endorsement

Melanie Gilley made a motion to amend the list of states Georgia accepts for endorsement with the following statement: "These states are generally considered for endorsement; however, the Board reserves the right the assess credentials and may deny an applicant based on failure to meet the minimum qualifications for initial licensure in this state." Lauren Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

AARP hearing aid via mail concern

The Board discussed and is aware of the situation. The Board requests a formal complaint and will review such upon receipt.

Correspondence from Susan Brooks

The Board requests that Susan Brooks submit a rule waiver petition to include the number of hours she has already completed. Such petition will be considered by the Board in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

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

Applications

1. A.M.C. Table for Certificate of Clinical Competence or required Continuing Education
2. N.E.M. Send LOC and Approve
3. S.P.C. Approve
4. C.N. Deny

Miscellaneous

Melanie Gilley made a motion to cancel February 2013 meeting, Amy Gatch seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Melanie Gilley brought up the issue of online courses and the minimum number of hours. She referenced Board Rule 609-7-.01(4). After consideration, Melanie Gilley made a motion to amend the rule to allow .10 CEUs/10 clock hours within any one 24-hour period. Amy seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ms. Gilley also brought up the issue of Telepractice with clients who reside in a different state than the licensee. Ms. Wray advised that this was already addressed in the law in O.C.G.A. § 43-44-7(i)(1) and (2):

(i) (1) Any person in this state or physically located in another state or foreign country who, using telecommunications and information technologies through which speech-language pathology information and auditory-vestibular system information or data is transmitted, performs an act that is part of a patient care service located in this state, including but not limited to any measures of speech-language pathology or auditory-vestibular system function or hearing instrument selection, fitting, or dispensing that would affect the diagnosis or treatment of the patient is engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology in this state. Any person who performs such acts through such means shall be required to have a license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology in this state and shall be subject to regulation by the board. No such out-of-state or foreign practitioner shall have ultimate authority over the speech-language or auditory-vestibular system health care of a patient who is located in this state. Any such practitioner in this state, another state, or a foreign country shall abide by the rules of the board.

(2) This subsection shall not apply to:

(A) The acts of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist located in another state or foreign country who provides consultation services at the request of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist licensed in this state;

(B) The acts of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist licensed in another state or foreign country who:

(i) Provides consultation services without compensation, remuneration, or other expectation thereof and without altering, adjusting, or manipulating hearing aid device controls; or

(ii) Provides consultation services to a graduate school located in this state and approved by the board; or

(C) The acts of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist located in another state or foreign country when invited as a guest of any graduate school or institution of higher learning approved by the board, state, or national accrediting body or component thereof, for the sole purpose of engaging in professional education through lectures, clinics, or demonstrations.

No more business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next Speech Language Pathology & Audiology Board meeting will be on Monday, April 8, 2013 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