

**GEORGIA BOARD OF
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2017**

The Georgia Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology met via teleconference on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

Board Members Present:

Erica Chatelain, Speech, Language Pathologist, Chair
Miranda Pritcher-Ross, Audiologist, Vice-Chair
Holly Kaplan, Audiologist
Melanie Hudson, Speech, Language Pathologist
Lauren Wright, Consumer Member

Members Absent:

Robin Alverson, Audiologist
Melanie Gilley, Speech, Language Pathologist

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Tracy Allen, Licensure Analyst
Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist

Office of Attorney General:

Janet Wray, Assistant Attorney General

Erica Chatelain, Chair established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with additional items:

- Applications for review – J.D.

Board Rules Discussion:

Rule 609-2-.06. Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members.

(1) As used in this rule, the following terms shall mean:

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

(b) "License" means any license issued by the board to practice speech-language pathology or audiology.

(c) "Military" means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.

(d) "Military spouse" means a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.

(e) "Service member" means an active or reserve member of the armed forces, including the National Guard.

(f) "Transitioning service member" means a member of the military on active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

(2) Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of the license application by showing that the applicant is a military spouse or transitioning service member and that the applicant has paid the fee and meets the requirements for a license under the law and rules for the type of license for which the applicant has applied.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-9, 43-44-10, and 43-44-11.

Dr. Kaplan motioned, Ms. Hudson seconded and the Board voted to post the proposed amendments to Rule 609-2 for the required minimum of thirty days with a public rules hearing to be scheduled the next available meeting date. None opposed, motion carried.

In Addition, Dr. Kaplan motioned, Dr. Hudson seconded and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of the proposed rule amendments to 393-9-.03 do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed chapter cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-9, 43-44-10, and 43-44-11, to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this chapter will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of speech-language pathology and audiology. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Kaplan motioned, Dr. Pritcher-Ross seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) and § 43-1-19 (h) to receive and review information pertaining to applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present: Chatelain, Kaplan, Hudson, Wright and Pritcher-Ross. At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, April 3, 2017, Ms. Chatelain declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during Executive Session

Reinstatement Application:

- J.D.

Recommendation:

Refer to AG’s office for Public Board Order

Dr. Kaplan motioned. Ms. Hudson seconded for the Board voted for the administrative staff to take the actions recommended on the above reinstatement application as discussed. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Chatelain motioned, Ms. Hudson seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 a.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Brookins, BSS, HC-1

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

ERICA CHATELAIN

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: May 15, 2017