

**GEORGIA BOARD OF  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY  
Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2018**

The Georgia Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology met via teleconference on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 8:15 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217.

**Board Members Present:**

Miranda Pritcher-Ross, Audiologist, Chair  
Robin Alverson, Audiologist, Vice-Chair  
Melanie Hudson, Speech, Language Pathologist  
Holly Kaplan, Audiologist  
Lauren Wright, Consumer Member  
Alisa Schultz, Speech, Language Pathologist

**Members Absent:**

(Physician Member Vacancy)

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Tracy Allen, Licensing Analyst

**Office of Attorney General:**

Janet Wray, Assistant Attorney General

**Miranda Pritcher-Ross, Chair, established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Approved as presented

**Dr. Alverson motioned, Dr. Kaplan 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) for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the request from the State Investigations Division. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present: Pritcher-Ross, Alverson, Hudson Kaplan, Wright and Schultz**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, Dr. Pritcher-Ross 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**

**Request for Application File:**

- E.H.R. – State Investigation Division

**Recommendation:**

Approve Request

**Ms. Hudson motioned, Dr. Kaplan seconded and the Board voted to approve the release of the application file of E.H.R. to the State Investigation Division as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:**

- Sara Butler – Rule 609-11-.01

**Recommendation:**

Deny – Substantial/Verifiable Hardship not demonstrated

**Dr. Kaplan motioned, Ms. Schultz seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition requests for S. Butler for failure to substantiate a verifiable and demonstrable hardship as required by law O.C.G.A. § 50-13-9.1(c). None opposed, motion carried.**

**PCE Ext. Requests:**

- E. Baker

**Recommendation:**

Approve PCE extension until 05/31/2018

**Dr. Alverson motioned, Ms. Schultz seconded, and the Board voted to approve the PCE extension request of E. Baker as recommended. None opposed, motion carried.**

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board adjourned today's meeting at 8:32 a.m.

Minutes recorded, reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

**MIRANDA PRITCHER-ROSS**

Board Chair

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Executive Director

**These minutes were approved on: February 19, 2018**