

**GEORGIA BOARD OF
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024 9:00 AM**

The Georgia Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology met via teleconference/Webex on Monday, February 12, 2024.

Board Members Present:

Alice Cellino, AuD, Chair
Amy Arnold, SLP, Vice-Chair
Leigh Hunnicutt, SLP
Darby Hightower AuD
Kelley Claas, SLP

Board Members Absent:

Tracy Jordan, Consumer Member
Douglas E. Mattox, MD, Board Certified Otolaryngologist
Robin Hardin, AuD

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Sarah Collett, Licensing Analyst

Office of Attorney General:

Mary Brannen, Esq., AAG

Alice Cellino, Chair, established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional items

Ms. Cellino motioned, Ms. Hunnicutt 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 Cognizant and Enforcement Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present: Cellino, Arnold, Hunnicutt, Claas, and Hightower. No votes were obtained in the executive session.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Monday, February 12, 2024, Ms. Cellino declared the Board meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

Investigative Interview Conducted (02/05/2024):

❖ **SLPA230003/230012** (Companion Cases – Same Respondent)

Recommendation: Refer to AG’s office for a Public Board order, 1-year probation under supervision, Public Reprimand, ASHA Approved Ethics CE

Ms. Cellino motioned, Ms. Hunnicutt seconded, and the Board voted to refer SLPA230003/SLPA230012 to the AG’s office for a Public Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no further discussion required, the Board meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

ALICE CELLINO

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director

Minutes approved April 22, 2024

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**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

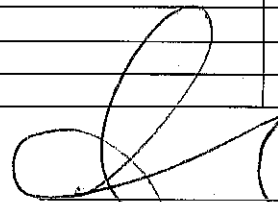
The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception, which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now, Alice Cellino, Chair the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Speech, Language Pathology and Audiology.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On February 12, 2024, this entity, this is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:

SUBJECT DISCUSSED:	LEGAL AUTHORITY
✓ Investigations including reports and deliberations	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(h)(2)&(4)
Applications	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2-(k)(1)(2)
Exams (including questions, materials and deliberations)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(3)(4)
Attorney General's Report (certain matters of attorney/client privilege)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-14-2(1)
✓ Investigative Interviews if part of disciplinary	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(4)
Probation Reports (medical information)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-18-72(G)(2)
Executive Session Minutes	O.C.G.A. Sect 50-14-4
Cognizant Member's Report	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(4)
Voting	None (must be in open session)

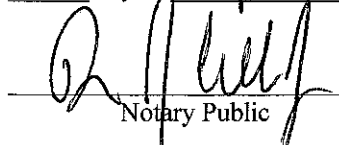
FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



PRESIDING OFFICER

Sworn and subscribed before me this

23 day of April, 2024.



Notary Public

