

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology**  
**Tuesday, October 24, 2006, 2:00 P.M.**  
**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Room 108**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Board Members Present**

Dr. Gwendolyn Wilson, Ed.D CCC-A, Chairperson  
Dr. Alan K. Smith, Au.D., CCC-A  
Lily N. Nalty, M.A., CCC-SLP

**Others Present**

Ruby B. McClain, Asst Deputy Director  
Veronica Reynolds, Administrator  
Sharon Danzler, Advice Counsel  
Sheridon Spoon, Legal Counsel  
Kathy Meadows, Chief Investigation  
Mack Williams, Board Assistant

**Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board of Examiners in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology office, lobby of the Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.**

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. Wilson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. held in Room 108, Kingstree Bldg, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

The October 24, 2006 Board Meeting was presented for review and approval.

**Motion:** Ms. Nalty moved to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for April 20, 2006 were presented for review and approval.

**Motion:** Dr. Smith moved to approve the April 20, 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved with the following corrections Dr. Wilson credentials should state as follows:  
Dr. Gwendolyn Wilson, Ed.D CCC-A .

#### **4. Administrators Report**

Ms Reynolds the Board's Administrator gave a brief review to the Board of the online features that are available on the Board's website. These features include the licensee look up feature which allows a licensee to find out if they are licensed or not and also check the status of their license. Another feature is the application status in which an applicant may check their current application status online. The Board website also has a change of address form that allows licensees to go online and update their address status. Notification to renew will be mailed out in January 2007. Renewals are set up to be completed on line. After renewals the Board will be conducting Continuing Education audits which will begin in May 2007. Ms. Reynolds stated there was an article published in the State Newspaper on Dr. Wilson appointment as Vice President of the Professional Practices in Audiology through American Speech Language – Hearing Association (ASHA). Dr Wilson is the first Executive Officer in the association to ever be elected from the state of South Carolina and also the first African American to ever hold this prestige position.

#### **4. Disciplinary Cases**

Ms. Meadows presented disciplinary cases to the Board.

**Complaint 2005-1: Motion:** In open session, Dr. Smith made a motion to dismiss due to the lack of evidence. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Complaint 2005-7: Motion:** In open session, Ms. Nalty made a motion to dismiss due to the lack of evidence. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Complaint 2005-8:** In open session, Dr Wilson recused herself from complaint 2005-8.  
**Motion:** Dr. Smith made a motion to dismiss due to the lack of evidence. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **1. Application Hearing**

**Susan Joyce Williamson:** Ms. Williamson did not make a personal appearance before the Board. Ms Williamson is requesting that the Board grant her a license in Audiology. Ms Williamson held a license in South Carolina which lapsed in March 2004. Ms Williamson currently holds an active license in North Carolina.

**Motion:** Dr Smith made a motion to go into executive session to discuss made a motion the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Dr. Smith made a motion come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Nalty made a motion to grant Ms Williamson a license contingent upon the receipt of verification of the Au.D. degree and receipt of the continuing education hours that are required by statute and regulation before the license will be issued.

**Kristen Walsh:** Ms Walsh made a personal appearance before the Board. Ms Walsh was not represented by legal council and waived her right to be represented by council. Ms. Walsh requested the Board grant her a license as a Speech Language Pathology Assistant Ms Walsh did not meet the educational requirements for licensure as a Speech Pathology Assistant according to the Statute and Regulation.

**Motion:** Ms. Nalty made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Dr. Smith made a motion to return from executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Nalty made a motion to not approve Ms. Walsh request to be licensed as a Speech Pathology Assistant because she failed to meet the requirements of 100 clinical clock hours with her undergraduate degree as required by S. C. Ann. Code Section 115-3 The motion was seconded and approved.

## **1. Disciplinary Hearings**

**2005-3** - Mr. Spoon, Office of General Counsel presented a letter of caution to the Board.

**Motion:** Dr. Smith made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Ms. Nalty made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Nalty made a motion to not approve the letter of caution presented and to proceed with a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and approved.

**2004-13** Mr. Spoon, Office of General Counsel presented a letter of caution to the Board for approval.

**Motion:** Dr. Smith made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice under

Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Ms. Nalty made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Nalty made a motion to not approve the letter of caution presented to the Board and proceed with a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and approved.

**2004 –10** Mr. Spoon presented a letter of caution to the Board.

**Motion:** Dr. Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved

**Motion:** Ms. Nalty made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Nalty made a motion to not approve the letter of caution presented and to proceed with a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **3. Changes in State and Federal Laws Regarding Licensed Audiologists**

**Tara Carroll:** Ms Carroll, a representative from Department of Health and Environmental Control made a personal appearance before the Board for clarification of the current Practice Act for Audiologists regarding eligibility requirements for reimbursements. Ms. Carroll stated the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) was under the impression the Board's current licensure law is in defiant with the eligibility requirements for qualified Audiologists under the current Code of Federal Regulation law (CFR). Ms Carroll informed the Board during a meeting held by the Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Council, in which there were representatives from the (DHHS) present, it was explained that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) conducted an audit, and in doing the audits CMS brought to the attention of DHHS that a provision of the South Carolina Licensure Law was not in compliance with CFR current requirements. DHHS requested the issue be sent to the Attorney General's Office for an opinion. The Attorney General's Office issued an opinion. The Attorney General opinion stated the Attorney's General Office is giving the Board one (1) year to amend the Practice Act for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology to be in compliance with the CFR or cease all federal funding for all Medicaid and Medicare Audiological programs within the state. Ms. Carroll indicated she needed the Board to issue a statement stating that there is no issue with the current Practice Act and the licensure law was misinterpreted and the law is in compliance with the CFR requirements. The Board directed Ms. Dantzler, Advice Counsel to look into the matter by contacting DHHS to see what was needed and to advise the Board at its next meeting.

**4. Online Continuing Education**

Ms. Reynolds made a request the Board review its current policy regarding CEU's and how online courses would be approved. Ms. Reynolds. Dr. Wilson stated staff needed to set up a date for the Board to come in for a working session to review all current Board polices since these polices were set by a prior Board.

**5. Review current Board Polices**

The Board will review current Board polices at its working session and make necessary changes if needed.

**6. Annual National Conference of State Boards (NCSB)**

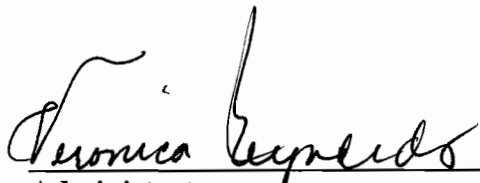
The Annual NCSB Conference will be held October 12, 2006- October 14, 2006 in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Smith attended the NCSB Conference and updated the Board on the issues that were discussed at the conference. Major issues discussed were ways to educate licensees that have violated the law by having the licensees take and pass an exam before the license is re-issued. Another issue discussed was ways to be consistent as a Board in rendering sanctions against licensees for disciplinary reasons. There were discussions on how individual jurisdictions would handle Au.D. students coming into their states seeking licensure.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5 00p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

*Next meeting: January 18, 2007, Kingstree Building, Room 111.*

  
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Administrator

02-20-2007  
Date