

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology**  
**Thursday, February 15, 2007, 2:00 P.M.**  
**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Room 201-03**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

Veronica Reynolds, Administrator  
Sharon Danzler, Advice Counsel  
Shunna Vance, Asst. General 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 201-03, Kingstree Bldg, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

The February 15, 2007 Agenda 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 October 24, 2006 were presented for review and approval.

**Motion:** Dr. Smith moved to approve the October 24, 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved as presented.

**4. Administrators Report**

Ms Reynolds introduced Shunna Vance, the assigned Assistant General Counsel for the Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Board.

## **5. Disciplinary Cases**

Ms. Meadows, Chief Investigator from Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented disciplinary cases to the Board.

**Complaint 2004-1: Motion:** In open session, Dr. Smith made a motion to dismiss the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Complaint 2005-2: Motion:** In open session, Dr. Smith made a motion to dismiss the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Complaint 2005-11: Motion:** In open session, Dr. Smith made a motion to dismiss the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Complaint 2006-2: Motion:** In open session, Dr. Smith made a motion to issue a formal complaint. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Complaint 2006-5: Motion:** In open session, Dr. Smith made a motion to issue a formal complaint. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Complaint 2006-3: Motion:** In open session, Ms. Nalty made a motion to issue a letter of caution. The motion was seconded and approved. The Board's Chair signed the Letter of Caution.

**Complaint 2006-6: Motion:** In open session, Ms. Nalty made a motion to issue a letter of caution. The motion was seconded and approved. The Board's Chair signed the Letter of Caution.

## **6. New Business**

### **Application Hearings**

#### **1. Reinstatement of lapsed license**

**a. Elizabeth Leadbitter:** Ms. Leadbitter did not make a personal appearance before the Board. Ms. Leadbitter held a license in South Carolina that lapsed on March 31, 2002.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Smith made a motion to reinstate the license. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **2. Reinstatement of Lapsed Intern License**

**a. Donnareakica T. Holder:** Ms. Holder was notified to appear before the Board but failed to make an appearance.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Nalty made a motion disapprove the application until the applicant

makes a personal appearance before the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **3. Review of CEU's for Reinstatement of License**

**a. Grace O. Williams:** Ms. Williams did not make a personal appearance before the Board. Ms Williams is requesting the Board reactivate her license based on the CEU's she submitted to the Board.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Smith made the motion to reactivate the license of Ms. Williams to an active status pending the receipt of authenticity of the CEU's submitted titled "*Emergent Early Literacy for Students with Deaf-Blindness and Other Significant Disabilities*" and the "*13<sup>th</sup> Annual Assistive Technology Expo*". The motion was seconded and approved.

**b. Jill G. Robinson:** Ms. Robinson did not make a personal appearance before the Board. Ms Robinson is requesting the Board reactivate her license based on Continuing Education Units (CEU's) she submitted to the Board.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Smith made the motion to accept the CEU's. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **4. Review Continuing Education Request for Approval**

**a. Dr. Lesly Wilson:** Dr. Wilson did not make a personal appearance before the Board. Dr. Wilson requested Board approval of the program course titled "*South Carolina Assistive Technology Expo 2007*" for .4 hours of continuing education credit.

**Motion:** In open session Dr. Smith made a motion to approve .4 CEU's for the course titled "*South Carolina Assistive Technology Expo 2007*". The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **b. Kristi Albers:**

Ms. Albers, Continuing Education Coordinator for Audiology Online did not make a personal appearance before the Board. Ms Albers made a request the Board give a definition or explanation of independent study courses offered by American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) and American Academy of Audiology (AAA). In, addition, Ms. Albers request the Board consider live interactive E-Seminar courses that are offered by her organization as self study. The Board position is it would approve all independent study coursework and live Inter active E-Seminars if the courses are approved through ASHA or AAA.

#### **c. Carol M. Vaudrey**

Ms. Vaudrey did not make a personal appearance before the Board. Ms Vaudrey made a request to use her Clinical supervised hours received during her Audiology internship prior to graduating from school to renew her license.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Smith made a motion to requested Dr. Vaudrey submit to the Board a

transcript indicating the conferring of her Ph.D. Once the transcript has been received the Board will re-review and a decision would be made at that time. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **5. Review of State Ethics Commission Forms**

Ms. Reynolds reminded the Board to complete the ethic forms with their taxes prior to the deadline of April 15, 2007. She stated the failure to file prior to the April 15 deadline could result in possible fines up to a \$100.00 per day.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **1. Review the Board polices for Ratification.**

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Nalty made a motion to accept the Board amended disciplinary policy as corrected and update on the Board's website. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **2. Update of South Carolina Hearing Association (SCSHA) Conference**

Dr. Wilson gave an update on the (SCSHA) Conference she attended that was held in Hilton Head, SC February 7 - 9, 2007. Dr. Wilson stated there was an estimated attendance of nine hundred (900) at the SCSHA Conference. Dr. Wilson served on the Executive Board as the liaison for the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. Dr Wilson briefly discussed Board issues that would help licensing constituents in South Carolina. She stated to the conference attendees that the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology were currently in renewals. She also made them aware the Board would be conducting a continuing education audits. If selected licensees would need to provide evidence of their continuing education units to the Board and the Board had mailed out over two thousand (2000) renewal notifications. However, approximately three hundred (300) had been returned for incorrect addresses. Dr. Wilson stated new applicants are able to view their application status online and encouraged applicants and the licensees to use the online features and update their information as it became necessary. Topics discussed at the conference were "Quantifying what you do as a Speech Pathologist" or "Audiologist" so that you will be able to better explain what it is that you do on a day to day basis as well as communicate with others outside of the profession. Another topic discussed was "Block Speech Therapy", which basically limits the time a Speech Pathologist would spend with one patient. David Denton, American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) Director of Ethics Division was also a speaker.

### **3. Update of South Carolina Academy of Audiology (SCAA) Conference**

Dr. Smith attended the South Carolina Academy of Audiology (SCAA) Conference held January 11-13, 2007 in Columbia, SC. Dr. Smith briefed the Board on issues that were discussed at the conference. One (1) of the key issues discussed was getting Audiologists involved on the political level by acquainting themselves with their local representatives and expressing views on issues that

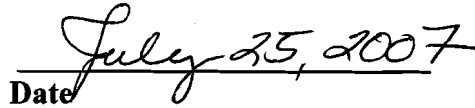
are important in the communities.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Dr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

*Next meeting: May 15, 2007, Kingstree Building, Room 111.*

  
**Administrator**

  
**Date**