

# Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

## Board Meeting

### Minutes

March 30, 2018  
1:00 PM

3700 N. Classen Blvd, Conference Room # 101, First Floor

*In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of this board meeting was originally transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on November 27, 2017 at 10:53am; and, public notice of this meeting together with the agenda, was posted in prominent public view on the front door of the Office Building at 3700 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, on March 29, 2018 at 11:42am. The announcement of the Board meeting and agenda was also posted on the OBESPA website, <http://www.ok.gov/obespa> on March 29, 2018 at 11:33am.*

#### **Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm. Ms. Hall called the roll. Board members present were Ms. Mona Ryan, Dr. Deborah Earley, Mr. William Livermon, and Dr. Suzanne Stanton. A quorum was present.

Others present: Amy Hall, Executive Secretary, Sandra Balzer, Assistant Attorney General, and Martha Kulmacz, Assistant Attorney General

#### **Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2018 Board Meeting**

Mr. Livermon moved and Dr. Stanton seconded the motion to approve the January 26, 2018 board meeting minutes as written. Ms. Ryan, Dr. Earley, Mr. Livermon, and Dr. Stanton voted yes by roll call. Motion approved.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action on Disciplinary Matters. The Board may conduct an evidentiary hearing, consider a proposed consent order, or consider other associated matters or motions. The Board may convene in executive session for deliberations pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(8).**

##### **a.17-09 Courtney Torix, SP #3525. Consent Order**

Ms. Balzer offered a proposed Consent Order in disposition of the complaint alleging the respondent failed to properly supervise an SLPA for 10% weekly direct supervision. Respondent was not present. Dr. Earley moved and Dr. Stanton seconded the motion to amend the Consent Order as proposed to include a requirement that Ms. Torix obtain three hours of continuing education specific to supervision of an SLPA. Dr. Earley, Mr. Livermon, and Dr. Stanton voted yes by roll call. Ms. Ryan recused. Motion approved.

Later in the meeting, Dr. Stanton asked that the matter be reconsidered. After discussion, Mr. Livermon moved and Dr. Stanton seconded the motion to withdraw the previous decision and accept the Consent Order as proposed and send a letter from the Board recommending that Ms. Torix obtain 3 more continuing education hours specific to supervision of an SLPA. Dr. Earley, Mr. Livermon, and Dr. Stanton voted yes by roll call. Ms. Ryan recused. Motion approved.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations Regarding Complaints Received by the Board: 17-08, 17-10, 18-01, 18-02, 18-03, 18-04, 18-05, 18-06, 18-07, 18-08, and 18-09**

##### **17-08**

Dr. Stanton moved and Mr. Livermon seconded the motion to accept the recommendation to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Earley, Mr. Livermon and Dr. Stanton voted yes by roll call. Ms. Ryan recused. Motion approved.

##### **17-10, 18-01, 18-02, 18-03, 18-04, 18-05**

Ms. Balzer reported 17-10, 18-01, 18-02, 18-03, 18-04, and 18-05 is still under investigation. No action was needed.

**18-06**

Ms. Balzer stated that there was sufficient evidence to find probable cause of a violation in this complaint. Mr. Livermon moved and Dr. Earley seconded the motion to proceed with a formal complaint. Dr. Earley, Mr. Livermon and Ms. Ryan all voted yes with roll call. Dr. Stanton recused herself. Motion approved.

**18-07**

Ms. Balzer stated that there was insufficient evidence of a violation and recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Mr. Livermon moved and Dr. Earley seconded the motion to accept the recommendation to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Earley, Mr. Livermon, Ms. Ryan, and Dr. Stanton voted yes by roll call. Motion approved.

**18-08**

Ms. Balzer stated that there was sufficient evidence to find probable cause of a violation in this complaint. Dr. Earley moved and Dr. Stanton seconded the motion to proceed with a formal complaint. Dr. Earley, Dr. Stanton and Ms. Ryan all voted yes with roll call. Mr. Livermon abstained. Motion approved.

**18-09**

Ms. Balzer stated that there was sufficient evidence to find probable cause of a violation in this complaint. Mr. Livermon moved and Dr. Earley seconded the motion to proceed with a formal complaint. Dr. Earley, Mr. Livermon and Dr. Stanton all voted yes with roll call. Ms. Ryan recused herself. Motion approved.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Licensees who have not met terms of 2015-2016 Audit:**

**Zengara Spencer, SP#3827**

Ms. Hall discussed with the Board that Ms. Spencer failed to comply with the corrective actions required by Board rule OAC 690:10-3-8(j) when a licensee is found to be non-compliant with the continuing education requirements. At a previous board meeting, an audit of Ms. Spencer's continuing education for 2015-2016 revealed that she had not completed the required hours. Ms. Spencer was given notice of the required corrective actions but did not complete them within the time required. At the Board meeting held on October 27, 2017 the Board voted to extend her deadline for 30 days. As of the meeting held on March 30, 2018, Ms. Spencer has still not met the requirements. Mr. Livermon moved and Dr. Earley seconded the motion to proceed with a formal complaint. Ms. Ryan, Dr. Earley, Dr. Stanton and Mr. Livermon all voted yes with roll call. Motion approved.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Whether a Degree Program that is a Candidate for Accreditation Meets or Exceeds Prevailing National Standards.**

Ms. Hall and Ms. Balzer reported that the Board received an inquiry from Dr. Kathy Wheat concerning whether a speech-language pathology degree from an unaccredited degree program that was a candidate for accreditation would be acceptable as meeting the degree requirement for licensure. After discussion of the Board statutes and rules on the degree requirements, including the issue of what constitutes the prevailing national standards for a degree program, the Board reached the following consensus. The Board rules allow for consideration of a degree from a non-accredited degree program. The rules require the Applicant to complete certain forms to aid the Board in determining whether the degree program meets or exceeds prevailing national standards for such degree programs. The Board is unable to make that determination prior to receiving an application with the required information about the degree program. Ms. Hall will revise the forms to clarify that they are applicable to a non-accredited degree program rather than a non-accredited university. Ms. Ryan will draft a response for Dr. Wheat. No Action was needed.

**Discussion and Possible Action on the Equivalent Number of Weeks is in the 9 Month Clinical Fellowship.**

The Board discussed what the equivalent number of weeks equals to 9 months. Dr. Stanton moved and Mr. Livermon seconded the motion that 9 months is equivalent to 36 weeks at 30 plus hours a week. Ms. Ryan, Dr. Earley, Dr. Stanton and Mr. Livermon all voted yes with roll call. Motion approved.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Whether Proof of ASHA Certification is Acceptable Proof of Completion of Clinical Fellowship.**

Ms. Balzer stated that Board rule OAC 690:10-3-6(b) expressly authorizes the Board to waive the clinical fellowship requirement and grant a license to any applicant who holds their ASHA certification. Thus, proof of completion of a clinical fellowship is not required when the applicant submits proof of ASHA Certification. No Action was needed.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Teacher Walk and How it Affects Speech-Language Pathologist in the School Setting.**

Prior to the teacher walkout the Board office issued an unofficial statement for guidance to a few individual licensees that requested it. Since the Board has not received any further inquiries, the Board determined that no further action to issue an official statement was needed.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Whether a Speech-Language Pathologist's Scope of Practice Includes Educating Patients on Medications.**

The Board received an informal inquiry concerning the issue identified in the agenda item. After discussion, the Board determined that while Speech-Language Pathologists may have knowledge related to the general effects of certain medications on speech, swallowing and cognition, speech-language pathologists should direct patients to their physician or pharmacist for specific questions related to medications. Speech-Language Pathologists trained in swallowing disorders may recommend methods to aid clients in swallowing medications. No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Financial Reports.**

Ms. Hall reviewed the financial reports for January 2018 and February 2018. No action needed.

**Review and Possible Action on Submission of Executive Director's P-Card Statement for Review and Approval.**

Dr. Stanton moved and Mr. Livermon seconded the motion to approve the Executive Directors P-card statement for January 2018 and February 2018. Ms. Ryan, Mr. Livermon, Dr. Earley, and Dr. Stanton voted yes by roll call. Motion approved.

**Review and Possible Action on Pending Licensure Applications and Assistant Applications. List Below**

Mr. Livermon moved and Dr. Earley seconded the motion to approve the applicants for licensure. Ms. Ryan, Mr. Livermon, Dr. Earley, and Dr. Stanton yes by roll call. Motion approved.

Dr. Earley moved and Mr. Livermon seconded the motion to approve Makenzie Stansbury for CF Licensure. Ms. Ryan, Dr. Earley, Mr. Livermon, and Dr. Stanton yes by roll call. Motion approved.

Mr. Livermon moved and Dr. Earley seconded the motion to approve the applicants for assistant licensure. Ms. Ryan, Mr. Livermon Dr. Earley, and Dr. Stanton voted yes by roll call. Motion approved.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.

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**APPLICANTS FOR CF LICENSURE CONSIDERATION FOR  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

**March 30, 2018**

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Supervisor:</i>	<i>Date Issued:</i>
Makenzie Stansbury CF#001	Kourtney Reading SLP# 4505	03/30/2018

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**APPLICANTS FOR ASSISTANT LICENSURE  
FOR CONSIDERATION FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND  
AUDIOLOGY**

**March 30, 2018**

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Supervisor:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
Rebecca Lucas, SLPA#147	Stacy Ogden, SLP#3713	03/30/2018
Tamara Hill, AUDA#33	Kristy Witzke, AUD#3684	03/30/2018
Rachel Hummingbird,SLPA#148	Fiona English, SLP#3461	03/30/2018
Christy Tharp, AUDA#34	Nakiea Strecker, AUD#307	03/30/2018

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**APPLICANTS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY  
LICENSURE CONSIDERATION**

**March 30, 2018**

<i>Name:</i>	<i>License Number:</i>	<i>Date Issued:</i>
Peggy Velasquez, M.S.	4911	01/26/2018
Kayelani Irvin, M.A.	4912	02/16/2018
<b>Emily Struve, Ph.D. Aud</b>	<b>4913</b>	<b>02/16/2018</b>
Amy Liebler, M.A.	4914	02/23/2018
Abby Brett, M.A.	4915	02/23/2018
Kati Connors, M.A.	4916	02/23/2018
Jillian Walcott, M.A.	4917	02/26/2018
Martha Blaess, M.A.	4918	02/26/2018
Christy Riemens-Van Laare, M.S.	4919	02/27/2018
Meredith Westmoreland, M.A.	4920	02/27/2018
Aimee Harwell, M.A.	4921	02/27/2018
Adrienne Coleman, M.S.	4922	03/05/2018
Victoria Greenwood, M.A.	4923	03/06/2018
Keeley Sharp, M.S.	4924	03/07/2018
Jacqueline Brownlee, M.A.	4925	03/08/2018
Brianne Fluhr, M.S.	4926	03/12/2018

Ciara Isaac, M.S.	4927	03/12/2018
Kara Hellner, M.A.	4928	03/13/2018
Jernye Guffey, M.S.	4929	03/13/2018
Kalli Goins, M.S.	4930	03/14/2018
Mary Megan Finley, M.A.	4931	03/19/2018
Nicole Ellexson, M.S.	4932	03/19/2018
Aubrey Ashburn, M.A.	4933	03/20/2018
Chelsea Wadiak, M.A.	4934	03/20/2018
Amanda Zink, M.S.	4935	03/21/2018
Ashley McCormick, M.S.	4936	03/22/2018
Rebecca Hall, M.S.	4937	03/22/2018
Riley Horton, M.S.	4938	03/22/2018
Danielle Lipman, M.S.	4939	03/22/2018
Marcie Meyers, M.S.	4940	03/23/2018
Cameron Bradley, M.S.	4941	03/23/2018
<i>Remake of Certificates:</i>		
Allison Stevens, M.S.	4901	01/05/2018
Nichole Clark-Stout, M.S.	4900	01/03/2018
Tiffany Rea, M.S.	640	01/15/1989
Lacey Ritter, M.A.	4810	11/03/2017