

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Friday, October 27, 2006, 9:30 a.m.
Best Western Sunset Suites-Riverwalk, Baltimore Room
1103 E. Commerce
San Antonio, TX 78205
Hotel Phone Number 210-223-4400

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Matthew Lyon, Chair
Rosario Brusniak
Richard Caldwell
Deborah Carlson
Cheryl Sancibrian
Bertha Campbell

Board Members Absent:

Kerry Ormson
Minnette Son, M.D.
Crystal Dawn Perkins

DSHS Staff Present:

Joyce Parsons
David Richards
Stephen Mills
Stewart Myrick

Guests:

Twila Coshal
Whitney Alden
Larry Higdon

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:30 am by Mr. Lyon, Chair.

Agenda Item 2 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion and possible action concerning the approval of minutes from the May 5, 2006 board meeting. Ms. Sancibrian made a motion to accept the minutes with revisions. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion and possible action concerning the following committee reports:

Dr. Carlson gave the Complaints Committee report. She reported that the committee heard twelve complaints. A probated suspension was proposed for a licensee regarding two separate

complaints. Three complaints were closed with letters of concern. Six complaints were closed as no violation, one of which was to be referred to the Office of the Inspector General, and another one was referred to the State Committee of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments. One complaint was withdrawn by the complainant. Dr. Carlson made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Brusniak gave the Speech-Language Pathology Scope of Practice Committee report. The committee discussed setting up presentations for the upcoming Texas Speech-Language Hearing Association conference. The committee also looked at the current frequently asked questions on the board website, and they discussed possible revisions. The committee also looked at the position statements. The committee also looked at a resource comparing the undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The committee also heard a staff report on the new licensing software. Ms Sancibrian made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lyon gave the Audiology Scope of Practice Committee report. He reported that the committee discussed the frequently asked questions on the board website. Also, the committee heard an update on the licensing software. Mr. Lyon made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Campbell gave the Ad-Hoc Examinations Committee report. She reported that the committee met on July 7, 2006 and discussed recommendations from the board, proposed draft exam items, and revising questions to reflect rule changes. Ms. Campbell made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 was the report of activity from the following board designees.

Ms. Sancibrian gave the applications designee report. She reported that she has reviewed twenty-nine applications, and all were approved. She expressed concern over the review of foreign transcripts.

Ms. Brusniak gave the supervision designee report. She reported receiving twenty requests regarding the exemption to 22 Texas Administrative Code §741.44(a). Eleven requests were approved, four requests were not approved, and five requests are pending further information. She has also received sixteen requests for exemption to 22 Texas Administrative Code §741.44(b). Five requests were approved, five requests were not approved, and six requests are pending further information. Ms. Brusniak expressed a possible need for formal supervision training for supervisors working with speech-language pathologist assistants.

Agenda Item 6 was the report on the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB) annual conference, October 13 -14, 2006, Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Parsons gave the report. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 7 was the report on the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) annual conference, September 14-16, 2006, Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Caldwell gave the report. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 8 was the presiding officer's report. Mr. Lyon gave a report concerning new board appointments and new assignments. Mr. Lyon commended Ms. Sancibrian, Ms. Campbell, and

Dr. Carlson as outgoing board members for their work. He also reported on the Legislative Appropriations Request hearing.

Agenda Item 9 was the executive director's report. Ms. Parsons gave a report concerning the new database, and the program workload report. She also commended the outgoing board members, and she commended Mr. Myrick for his work as board support.

The board recessed at 11:35 am. The board reconvened at 11:57 am.

Agenda Item 10 was the management report from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit, Department of State Health Services. Mr. Mills reported on the resignation of the DSHS commissioner, the retirement of the deputy commissioner of regulatory services and the hiring of the new deputy commissioner, and the work for the upcoming legislative session, the upcoming Sunset Advisory Commission review.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion and possible action concerning the DSHS Professional Licensing and Certification Unit draft policy regarding criminal history. Mr. Mills gave the report concerning the policy. Ms. Sancibrian made a motion to endorse the policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 12 was to set meeting dates for 2007. The next meetings will be tentatively scheduled for February 22-23, July 12-13, and October 25-26 in 2007.

Agenda Item 13 was items for future consideration. There were none.

Agenda Item 14 was announcements and comments not requiring board action. There were none.

Agenda Item 15 was the adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adjourn at 12:36 pm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Approved by the board on February 23, 2007
Matthew Lyon, Chair
Joyce Parsons, Executive Director