

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

Thursday, May 19, 2005, 8:30 a.m.
Texas Department of State Health Services
Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Room S-402
Austin, Texas 78754
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MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Cheryl Sancibrian, Chair
Rosario Brusniak
Bertha Campbell
Deborah Carlson, Ph.D.
Matthew Lyon
Kerry Ormson, Ed.D.
Crystal Perkins
Minnette Son, M.D.

Board Members Absent:

Richard Caldwell

DSHS Staff Present:

Stephen Mills
Joyce Parsons
David Richards
Georgia Norman

Guests:

None

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 8:45 am by Ms. Sancibrian, Chair.

Agenda Item 2 was public comment. Ms. Sancibrian introduced Ms. Parsons as the new Executive Director. No public comment.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion and possible action concerning the approval of minutes from the November 5, 2004 board meeting. Dr. Carlson made the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Ms. Sancibrian gave the Speech-Language Pathology Scope of Practice Committee report. She reported that the committee discussed the current legislation and services for bilingual students. The committee also reviewed the frequently asked questions posted on the board website, rules and the recent convention presentations. A motion was made by Ms. Brusniak to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Carlson gave the Complaints Committee report. She reported that the committee discussed the reduction in complaints as a result of the revision of complaint procedures. Dr. Carlson also reported that there are currently 9 open complaints. In 4 complaints, a response has been requested. An administrative penalty was proposed in three complaints, 1 complaint will be forwarded for investigation and 1 complaint will be forwarded to Enforcement for a notice of violation. The committee also discussed the rules regarding complaints. A motion was made by Dr. Carlson to accept the committee report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Lyon gave the Audiology Scope of Practice Committee report. He reported that the committee discussed pending legislation, rules and the requirements for the audiology intern license. The committee also discussed the fitting of hearing aids by licensed audiologists when the hearing aids have been purchased by the consumer from another individual and the committee recommended that information concerning this topic be added to the frequently asked questions page on the board website. A motion was made by Mr. Lyon to accept the committee report. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Rules Committee did not meet.

The Ad Hoc Examination Committee did not meet.

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

Dr. Carlson gave the Continuing Education Liaison report. Dr. Carlson reported that the committee reviewed one request for course review. A motion was made by Ms. Sancibrian to ratify the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Brusniak gave the Supervision Designee report. She discussed requests regarding continuing education approval, the exemption of the supervision requirements due to hardship, caseload limits, and SLP assistants using ESTIM in their practice. A motion was made by Dr. Carlson to ratify the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Sancibrian gave the Application Designee report. She discussed the recent requests received for transcript review. Dr. Carlson made the motion to ratify the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding the proposed repeal and readoption of the board's rules at 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 741, as a result of the administrative rule review required by the Texas Government Code, 2001.039. A motion was by Dr. Ormson to accept the proposed rules with the changes discussed by the board for publication in Texas Register and allow staff the flexibility to make grammatical changes as necessary. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion concerning public information, including the board's website and print publications. Mr. Mills gave the report. He discussed additions and changes to the board's website. No action taken.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion concerning the stakeholder database. Ms. Sancibrian gave the report and discussed adding past or present stakeholders to the database. No action taken.

Agenda Item 9 was the Presiding Officer's report. Ms. Sancibrian gave the report. She discussed correspondence to universities regarding board information to students and board member participation in the CLEAR conference.

Agenda Item 10 was the Executive Director's report. Mr. Mills gave the report. He discussed pending legislation, and updated the board regarding the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit. No action taken.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion concerning pending legislation that may affect the board's operation or the

profession of speech-language pathology and audiology. This was discussed under Agenda Item 10.

Agenda Item 15 was the discussion regarding board member terms ending August 31, 2005. Ms. Sancibrian gave the report. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 13 was the items for future consideration. No action taken.

Agenda Item 12 was the management report from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit, Department of State Health Services. Ms. Peterson gave the report. She discussed the budget and the new computer software. She also discussed current legislation regarding the budget and licensing fees. A motion was made by Mr. Lyon to amend the rules to increase the licensing fee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 16 was the announcements and comments not requiring board action. Mr. Lyon asked that board members update their email addresses. He discussed the travel forms and thanked Ms. Sancibrian for her work with the board. He also discussed committee assignments.

Agenda Item 14 was the election of officers. A motion was made by Mr. Lyon to elect Ms. Brusniak for Secretary Treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Ms. Campbell to elect Dr. Son for Assistant Presiding Officer. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Ms. Campbell to elect Mr. Lyon for Presiding Officer. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 17 was to set the next meeting date, which will be October 5-6, 2005.

Agenda Item 18 was the adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Campbell made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 pm. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approved by the board on January 13, 2006.

Matt Lyon, Chairman