

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SCOPE OF PRACTICE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, May 4, 2006, 1:30 p.m.
Texas Department of State Health Services
Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Room S-402
Austin, Texas 78754
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MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

Rosario Brusniak, Chair
Bertha Campbell
Crystal Perkins
Cheryl Sancibrian

Committee Members Absent:

None

DSHS Staff Present:

Joyce Parsons
David Richards
Stewart Myrick
Richard Rees

Guests:

None

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 1:44 pm by Ms. Brusniak, Chair.

Agenda Item 2 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion and possible action concerning review and approval of the committee report of the meeting held on January 12, 2006. A motion was made by Ms. Sancibrian to accept the report with revisions. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion and possible action concerning licensee questions and feedback relating to the board's presentation at the Texas Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention (TSHA), as they relate to the work of the committee. Ms. Brusniak and Ms. Campbell commented on the positive feedback received from the conference attendees. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion and possible action concerning speech-language pathology scope of practice content areas recommended for the Ad Hoc Committee on Examination to address. Ms. Campbell discussed the process for selecting subject areas for possible exam questions. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion and possible action concerning professional and practice issues that may affect the provision of speech-language and pathology services. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion and possible action concerning the monitoring of speech-language pathology assistants and speech-language pathology supervisors regarding speech-language pathology assistants attending Admission Review and Dismissal (ARD) and/or Individual Educational Plan (IEP) meetings. Ms. Campbell discussed using questionnaires as an audit tool. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion and possible action regarding frequently asked questions for the board website. Ms. Brusniak commented about clarifying the position statements regarding supervising interns versus supervising assistants. Mr. Richards commented about adding a frequently asked question regarding licensees following board rules and laws against the wishes of their employers. Mr. Rees discussed his role in updating the frequently asked questions. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion and possible action concerning clarification of Supervisory Responsibility Statements (SRS) and other related paperwork that permits Speech-Language Pathology Assistants to begin working under supervision. Ms. Campbell discussed sending approval notifications. Ms. Brusniak directed Ms. Parsons to start sending approval notifications by fax and by e-mail.

Agenda Item 10 was the update on Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association joint task force. Ms. Sancibrian discussed the work of the task force. No action was taken.

The committee recessed at 2:34 pm. The committee reconvened at 2:40 pm.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion and possible action regarding updating the Position Statements on supervising speech-language pathology assistants to reflect changes in new rules. Ms. Brusniak assigned sections to various members to address.

Agenda Item 12 was the discussion and possible action regarding the granting or denial of exemption requests relating to supervisor qualifications and the number of persons to be supervised. Ms. Brusniak made a presentation. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 13 was items for future consideration. Ms. Brusniak commented on the assignments made earlier. Ms. Sancibrian commented about the future request by the Texas Speech-Hearing Association for position papers. No action was taken.

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

Agenda Item 15 was the adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 pm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Approved by the committee on October 26, 2006
Rosario Brusniak, Chair