

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

Friday, May 5, 2006, 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:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

DSHS Staff Present:

Joyce Parsons
David Richards
Debbie Peterson
Stewart Myrick

Guests:

None

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 8:35 am by Mr. Lyon, Chair.

Agenda Item 11 was the management report from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit, Department of State Health Services. Debbie Peterson, manager for Professional Licensing and Certification Unit, gave a report regarding the board's financial status, the new licensing database, the criminal history audit by the State Auditor's Office, the study by the House Government Reform Committee, and unit refinement of functions.

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 January 13, 2006 board meeting. Dr. Ormson made a motion to accept with revisions. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Son gave the Complaints Committee report. She reported that eight complaints were heard. Four complaints would be closed with no violation found, an administrative penalty was proposed for two complaints, and two complaints are to be closed with an advisory letter and a continuing education requirement. Dr. Son 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. She reported on the feedback from the Texas Speech-Language Hearing Association conference, the work of the Ad-Hoc Examination Committee, revising the frequently asked questions and position statements, revisions to the SRS form, tracking the number of interns and assistants being supervised by licensees, and working with the Texas Speech-Language Hearing Association on various issues and projects. Ms. Brusniak made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Ormson gave the Audiology Scope of Practice Committee report. He reported on the issue of selling hearing aids via mail-order and the internet, issues regarding supervision of otologic technicians, issues regarding fourth-year audiology students, and issues regarding fitting a hearing instrument purchased from a different entity. Dr. Ormson 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 March 9, 2006 and discussed recommendations from the board, proposed draft exam questions, revising questions to reflect rule changes, the development and administration of the jurisprudence exam. She also gave recommendation that current committee members be allowed to remain on the committee beyond the expiration of their term as board members, as well as to include Judy Chambers, a former board member. She also recommended that the scope of practice committees develop possible scenarios regarding test questions. 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.

Dr. Ormson gave the continuing education designee report. He reported little activity.

Ms. Sancibrian gave the applications designee report. She reported that she has received few phone calls and e-mails concerning problems.

Ms. Brusniak gave the supervision designee report. She reported receiving several requests for exemption from supervisory experience. Ms. Brusniak reported that the other four requests were denied.

Dr. Carlson made a motion to ratify the actions of the board designees. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion and possible action regarding the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB) annual

conference, October 13 -14, 2006, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Lyon discussed the revival of the organization and sending Dr. Ormson and Ms. Parsons to the conference. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion and possible action regarding the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) annual conference, September 14-16, 2006, Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Lyon discussed sending Mr. Caldwell to the conference. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion and possible action relating to members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Examination. This item was covered under agenda item 4.

Agenda Item 9 was the presiding officer's report. Mr. Lyon gave a report concerning handling e-mails, new database, meeting with the Governor's appointment office, handling questions from the public, open government training, hotel arrangements, and the presentation at the Texas Speech-Language Hearing Association conference. Mr. Richards commented on avoiding a quorum of the board present at a committee meeting. Mr. Lyon commended Ms. Brusniak on an article written, and he commended the board for the work accomplished.

Agenda Item 10 was the executive director's report. Ms. Parsons gave a report concerning the new database and the unit workload report.

Agenda Item 12 was items for future consideration. Dr. Ormson commented on employers prohibiting the use of the title "doctor" by non-physicians in their offices.

Agenda Item 13 was announcements and comments not requiring board action. There were none.

Agenda Item 14 was adjournment. Dr. Son made a motion to adjourn at 11:18 am. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Approved by the board on October 27, 2006
Matthew Lyon, Chair
Joyce Parsons, Executive Director